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fighting, while destroyers on scouting duty are watching the mouth of Kailash Bay. The Russian warships at Kaichow tonight are the cruisers Admiral Bismarck, Geir, Ilansa and Nertha, and the gunboats Loutch and Krasnaya. They are also the destroyers. They control the harbor exit.

According to Chinese authorities the Russians had six and the Japanese had four torpedoes left in the water. The Japanese, however, were soon reinforced but to what extent is not stated.

The Russian battleship Krasnaya was carried away by a torpedo. Her other injuries were due to shells.

The coal secured by the Russian warship was taken from the British steamer which had been at Kaichow for some time past. Their original destination was Port Arthur.

At the dock here, where they left Port Arthur on the night of August 8th, and who arrived here today, confirm the report of heavy fighting here and the great amount of damage done gradually.

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There is a feeling here that Russia is infringing on the Chinese neutrality by using Shanghai as a base for operations. A London despatch from Shanghai, published in the Times, says the reason given for the entrance of the Russian torpedo boat destroyers is necessary to repair her machinery. The vessels, the despatch adds, shows no signs of recent fighting except the hull guns and torpedo tubes are uninjured. The officers of the Grozovoi report that the Russian warships, after a battle with the Japanese fleet and escaped in several directions. M. Pavloff, former Russian minister to Korea, who has resided here, says that the Russian capital, boarded the Grozovoi immediately after her arrival here.

Washington, Aug. 13.—United States Consul General Connolly reported to the State department that the Russian cruiser Askold arrived at Shanghai to-

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Advice to Visitors

Don't Leave Victoria Without Seeing the Naval Station at Esquimalt, Beacon Hill Park and the Magnificent Scenery at Oak Bay. Cars run to all These Points.

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Car Works Destroyed

Extensive Fire at New Westminster Consumes Shops of the Electric Co.

Loss Estimated at \$30,000 and Fully Covered By Insurance.

Spontaneous Combustion Supposed to Have Caused the Outbreak.

From Our Own Correspondent.

New Westminster, Aug. 13.—A disastrous fire broke out at 4 o'clock this afternoon at the car works of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company, Twelfth street.

Owing to the excessive dryness, fire alarms have been numerous of late, but the fire had not exceeded the incipient stage, and the first intimation of the seriousness of today's blaze was the blowing of the ferry steamer's whistle, showing that her powerful pumps had been called into requisition. Presently, against the overcast sky appeared a blackish bluish smoke, and the smoke of the bush fires, and guided by this pillar of smoke, crowds of people headed for the scene of the conflagration near the corner of Queen's avenue and Twelfth street. En route they have been notified that the wreckage of a car had been found in a house wagon from No. 1 fire hall, a wheel having been taken off in passing a rock pile on Columbia street. From this, however, the hose was quickly transferred to an express heavy engine conveyed to the fire where the brigade from No. 2 hall had already got to work. A glance was sufficient to show that the flames had got beyond control, and it became merely a matter of keeping them from spreading to and destroying adjacent property.

Directly opposite are the gas works and some residences, the latter of which were saved only by bucket brigades and garden hose. Even then such was the shower of sparks and flaming shingles that wherever these alighted in parched grass, fires were started. The heat from the burning building was intense and in very short order the heavy copper trolley wire leading from the company's main line to the car works, came down, and carried with it a portion of the wire of the main track.

Several beams of wood from the incanting had been playing steadily into and around the fiery mass, but within half an hour from the time the alarm was turned in the car works had been wiped out.

Among the loss of the buildings and machinery, forming the only plant of the kind in Canada west of Toronto, there were some cars and raw material destroyed. One fine coach for the interior service went up in smoke, and three smaller ones for the Victoria city service became, for a few minutes, charred and blackened. The loss of the valuable stock for finishing there were 6,000 feet of ash lumber and thousands of dollars worth of other materials and fittings.

As to the cause of the fire this seems to be a mystery. As far as known there was no one about at the time, the works having been closed down as usual at 1 p. m. on Saturday. There was no fire or light on the premises and the only supposition is that the intense heat of a hot afternoon, with a possible collection of oil, caused spontaneous combustion. Whatever the cause, the flames first appeared in the portion of the building nearest Twelfth street, and thence catching up the dry lumber and other inflammable material, quickly enveloped all the departments.

The loss to the company is estimated at \$30,000, which is fairly well covered by insurance.

Fortunately but one accident was reported, that of Foreman E. Furness, of the board of works. Furness was assisting the firemen and was holding one of the nozzles when the water was turned on. The pressure was so great the nozzle was thrown upwards, causing a severe laceration of the forehead on the head, cutting him severely and rendering him unconscious. He was hurriedly taken to a doctor and all that was possible done for him. He is now resting easily. The regular interurban service was delayed but a few minutes by the hose laying across the tracks on Twelfth street.

A HALT CALLED.

Probable That No More Great Land Battles Will Be Fought.

Liaoyang, Aug. 6.—(Delayed in Transmission.)—The movements of both the Russians and the Japanese indicate that the greatest battles for the present possession of southern Manchuria have already been fought at Tachekiao, Kuchiatzu and Haicheng, and that the Russians do not intend to give the Japanese an opportunity to defend their positions along what now their south flank. The Japanese have notified the Chinese that they have no intention even of occupying Haicheng. It is understood that the Japanese will steadily advance northward and that the Russians have made all preparations for this movement, and this is taken to indicate that there will be important fighting north of Liaoyang. The withdrawal of the Russians to Anshunshan and their retirement from Kuchiatzu to the next position west, fixes the centre of activity in the north.

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Wild Stampede of Thousands in Fear of Awful Explosion.

New York, Aug. 13.—Fresh paint on one of the big gas tanks of the Consolidated Gas Company on First avenue, between 110th and 111th streets, caught fire tonight and in an instant the big steel cylinders were enveloped in a sheet of flame, and a terrible explosion of gas was prevented only by the prompt action of the fire department.

The blaze was the signal for a wild stampede of the residents for blocks around to get out of the neighborhood. In their panic people left their homes, shops and belongings, some even forgetting their children in the excitement which extended as far as to 104th street and to Willis avenue bridge on the north, and over into Central Park to escape the explosion expected.

The horror-stricken Italians, who composed the bulk of the residents of the neighborhood, discarded everything that would hamper their flight, and running down the weaker ones, Second avenue, First avenue and all of the cross streets became filled with a panic-stricken mob as the news of the fire spread.

Another Battle Reported.

Pekin, Aug. 13.—It is rumored that there has been a naval engagement off Kichou, but the German legation has no confirmation of the report.

spread, and every effort was made by such to outrun his neighbor. The recreation pier at the foot of 112th street soon became jammed with people, and for the strenuous efforts of the police, many would have jumped into the water. The tank is nearly two hundred feet in diameter and rises nearly 120 feet above the ground.

While the fire was one of the hottest that the fire department has had to cope with in some time, it was of short duration, the last residue of the sparks having been extinguished within 45 minutes after the arrival of the apparatus.

The firemen worked under great tension, expecting every minute that the reservoir would explode. "I was nearer death tonight, I believe, than I have been before in many a day," said Deputy Chief Dougherty, who was in charge at the scene.

"The work of the men in facing almost certain death was an example of heroism unsurpassed."

SOUTH AMERICAN REVOLT.

Buenos Ayres, Aug. 13.—The Paraguayan revolutionists have occupied several districts and are rapidly approaching Asuncion, the capital of Paraguay. One officer and eighteen men were killed and several others wounded in an attempt to board the rebel vessel.

Chefoo, Aug. 14.—Noon—A Japanese squadron sighted the Vladivostok fleet in the Straits of Korea at 10 minutes past five this, Sunday, morning. Fighting began 50 minutes later. The protected cruiser Takushio has reported by wireless telegraphy to the Admiralty at Takeshiki naval establishment that a Japanese squadron was engaging the Vladivostok fleet off the Tsu Islands in the Straits of Korea at 5 o'clock this, Sunday, morning.

A CHICAGO JUSTICE WHO WONT CONVICT

Police Complain to Mayor and the Judge Is Summoned.

Chicago, Aug. 13.—There were few developments in the packers' strike today. On Monday a committee of retail dealers will ask Mayor Harrison to act as mediator in the strike. The mayor has expressed himself as anxious to do all in his power to end the strike. The packers decline to say whether they would accept the mediation of the mayor. They would hear any proposition he cared to advance. They intimated, however, that the answer given to the committee of retailers when they declined to have any further conferences with the strikers was not likely to be modified.

Chief of Police O'Neil and Police Inspector Hunt laid formal charges before the mayor today against Justice John Fitzgerald, who, it is claimed, has discharged the majority of the rioters brought before him, no matter how strong the evidence against them might be. He yesterday, the police claim, discharged twenty out of twenty-three men brought before him. The mayor sent a summons to Justice Fitzgerald, calling on him to appear at the City hall and answer the charges. The justice failed to appear and will be called upon Monday.

The justice declared he was doing his utmost to render fair decisions.

ANOTHER SPOT OF RED.

British Annex Birds' Island in West Indies.

Kingston, Island of St. Vincent, B. W. I., Aug. 13.—The British cruiser Tribune on August 11th landed a party in command of Lieut. Thefall, at Aves, or Birds' island, 127 miles west of the north end of the Island of Dominica and annexed it as a British possession. Guns were hauled through the surf and landed, the British flag was hoisted and a royal salute was fired. The Tribune proceeded direct to St. Vincent, arriving here yesterday. The Tribune left today, being ordered to Venezuela to protect British interests at Caracas.

Askold Compelled To Enter Dock

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day seriously damaged and wanted to dock. The Tao Tai has written to the Russian consul general, Mr. Goodnow, stating that the cruiser and torpedo boat must not remain more than 24 hours. The Russian consul general raises the point that they are entitled to remain a reasonable time to make repairs.

Fearful Disaster Stuns Russians

Dispersal of Port Arthur's Fleet Heaviest Blow of the War.

Action Probably Greatest Battle of Ironclads in History.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 14.—(5:10 a. m.)—Not since the beginning of the war between Japan and Russia has anything so obviously affected Russian spirits as the gradual revelation of the extent of the Port Arthur squadron's reverse. The details of Rear Admiral Witthoff's fatal sortie are not known to the general public, even at this hour, though the receipt of the report of Capt. Matouchevitch gradually permeated official circles in the course of the day, and the captain's statement was issued late tonight in the form of an official report.

Capt. Matouchevitch makes it clear that the Port Arthur squadron fought what was probably the greatest battle of ironclads since steel replaced wood in naval construction. The effort of the Russians to fight their way through the Japanese would probably have been successful had it not been for the disaster to the battleship, Czarevitch, which compelled the squadron to fight a second battle ending in the dispersal of the Russian fleet in the darkness.

The Associated Press learns that the mortality among the officers of the Czarevitch, which was merely stated in the official report, is due to the fact that Admiral Witthoff and most of his officers were gathered on the bridge during the action in order to set an example to, and encourage the men instead of remaining in comparative safety in the protection of the conning tower. A Japanese shell burst beneath the bridge, wrecking that part of the ship and killing or wounding every officer on duty thereabouts.

One of the most important features of Capt. Matouchevitch's despatch, aside from its grimly brief account of the battle, is the detailed statement of the make up of Rear Admiral Togo's fleet, which consisted of six battleships, eleven cruisers of various classes and approximately thirty torpedo boats. According to this report, there were in line of battle some ships previously reported destroyed. This gives an indication of the Japanese naval force, which Admiral Togo has hitherto concealed.

TEN DROWNED FROM NAPTHA LAUNCH

Boat Turns Turtle and All But Four Passengers Are Lost.

Washington, Aug. 13.—Ten persons were drowned by the capsizing of a naphtha launch on the Potomac river, off Georgetown, the western section of this city, during the annual Potomac regatta today. Four others who were

on the launch escaped. All were from this city. The capsized launch was the Recreation boat owned by Doctors Stewart and Wagner. During the first race the launch got in the way of the eight-oared shells, and its wash was such that the officials reprimanded its crew and ordered them out of the race. There was some show of resentment at this order and the launch headed for the shore, but miscalculated its course and striking the strong undertow caused by a mill race, rocked for a moment, and the passengers rushed to one side, turned turtle. Only a few of the thousands of people that lined the shore witnessed the accident. The police immediately set to work to recover the bodies.

GUSSING WHAT JAPS ARE DOING

Kuroki Breaks Contact and Russians Cannot Follow His Movements.

Liaoyang, Aug. 12.—(Delayed in transmission.)—Travelers report that the Russians are still in possession of Panshui, about fifteen miles east of Liaoyang, and that the Japanese, therefore, forced by this point also by the strength of the Russian eastern position seek other routes to flank Liaoyang or cut the railroad. As it was after the first Japanese advance to Kaichow, following the success of July 31st, the Japanese disappeared. The Russians scouted along their former front on the Shi and Lang rivers, and now after their own withdrawal they are completely separated from the enemy, who is supposed now to be working northward, east of Panshui, a far less formidable route, and also north from Yinkow.

Though no creditable confirmation of the latter report can be had, both the Japanese and Russians have abandoned aggressive tactics in the east and the delves of Liaoyang are narrowed to a smaller and stronger circumference.

NEW COMMISSION TO BE ANNOUNCED

Ottawa Cabinet in Session All Day and Appointments Fixed.

From Our Own Correspondent.
Ottawa, Aug. 12.—The cabinet was in session this morning and afternoon, but at the close it was announced that the busy business tomorrow was of a purely domestic character. It is expected, however, that tomorrow the government will be in position to announce the composition of the transcontinental railway commission.

ROSSLAND CAMP.

Excellent Progress Made in Mining Matters During the Week.

Rossland, Aug. 13.—Excellent progress was made in connection with Rossland's mining industry this week without any feature or unusual importance. Forest fires which are prevalent throughout the Kootenay have not come near this city, nor can the mining industry be affected thereby. In some sections a shortage of water is also reported, but this city has amply supply for all purposes.

The return to the city next week of A. J. McMillan, managing director of the Le Roi is awaited with keen interest. The Le Roi has concluded the concentrating tests and chain to have demonstrated the possibility of saving 80 per cent of the values with ordinary concentration.

Plans for a two hundred and fifty ton mill are complete and in readiness for commencement of construction.

It is believed that Mr. McMillan will order a start on arrival. The Le Roi No. 2 and Velvet-Portland concentrators are running continuously, while the Rossland Power Company's plant is in partial operation and White Bear mill is making excellent progress towards completion. The Le Roi experimental works are now being dismantled, one of the features being a shipment today of forty tons of concentrates produced during the tests.

One production for the week ending tonight is Le Roi, 1,800; Centre Star, 1,500; War Eagle, 1,200; Le Roi No. 2, 300; Le Roi No. 2 (milled), 300; Spitzee, 30; Jumbo, 300 Cliff, 280; Velvet-Portland (milled), 250. Total, 6,080 tons; year to date, 210,193 tons.

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1 tin Ramsay's or Smith's Cream Soda......25	10 lbs. B. C. GRANULATED SUGAR......50
1 lb Our Best Coffee......40	2 lbs. Best Coffee......75
1 Sk B. & K. Rolled Oats......35	2 pkts Malta Vita, Force or O. Meat......30
1 Pkt. Malta Vita, Force or O. Meat......15	1 tin Spice, any kind......10
1 tin Two-in-One Shoe Polish......10	1 tin Christie's Cream Soda......30
1 tin Spice, any brand......50	2 lbs. Tea, any brand......1.00
1 tin Pineapple......15	2 pkts. Matches......20
3 doz. Clothespins or 1 pkt. Bird Seed......10	1 qt. Vinegar, Malt......20
1 bot. Tomato Catsup......10	2 tins Pineapple......30
3 pkts. Fry's Cocoa or 6 bars Santa Claus Soap......25	1 bot. Tomato Catsup, pts......15
1 Sk. Salt......10	3 pkts. Fry's Cocoa or 6 bars Santa Claus Soap......25
2 Large tins St. Charles' Cream......30	1 tin Keeler's Marmalade......40
1 bot. Ammonia or Washing Blue......25	3 tins Sardines or 2 tins Clams......25
2 pkts. Seeded Raisins......20	1 bot. Ammonia or Washing Blue......25
3 lbs. Cleaned Currants......30	1 bot. B. & K. Rolled Oats......35
1 tin Mustard......10	2 lbs. Cleaned Currants......20
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Vancouver and Salmon Traps

Matter is Discussed at Length at Meeting of the Board of Trade.

Declare Vested Interests Should Be Guarded Before Issuing More Licenses.

At Vancouver, Friday evening, the Board of Trade discussed the matter of fish traps at length. Mr. Bell-Irving said, according to the News-Advertiser's report, as it now stands, the "poor" years in the salmon industry are becoming distinctly poorer, and there is only one year in four when a remunerative pack will be looked for. This year the pack will be the lowest on record. The present state of affairs was due, no doubt, to the distance of the authorities from the scene of the industry. There were several points which should be urged strenuously upon the attention of the minister, and he thought it might be in order to submit the memorial of the Fraser River Cannery Association to the board.

There were two important points, propagation and trap licenses. On the 22nd of May last a new set of regulations were adopted, allowing the use of traps over the whole of the province, but it was so late that it was impossible to take advantage of them this season, except in one instance. In January, 1902, a royal commission had been appointed to consider the fishery situation in this province, when the canners presented a memorial setting forth the amount of capital invested in the industry, and the necessity of protection. Unless the canners were fairly dealt with, these interests would suffer. There was a great danger of the loss of the property becoming absolutely valueless. They should not be compelled to erect canneries elsewhere, as there were enough now, and all that was necessary was that the traps should be distributed fairly and equitably. Professor Prince and others in authority had given every assurance that the canners would be fairly dealt with, but the result was the contrary.

Mr. Bell-Irving went on to say that there were 40 canneries on the Fraser river, and seven trap licenses had been granted to the canners. The canners united in saying no licenses should be granted. There were 13 canneries there, and all these licenses issued by the Dominion government had been to one concern. It practically amounted to this fact, that all the licenses were granted to two individuals, neither being resident in either Vancouver or New Westminster, where the great bulk of the cannery industry in British Columbia was centred. Every part of the province should receive fair treatment. It was most necessary that the Dominion government should grant no licenses next year before more proper and equitable scheme was approved of. All interested should be considered.

In northern waters the present method of fishing was very satisfactory, but as to the future the canners cannot say. If traps were introduced there it would mean complete dislocation and disturbance of labor conditions. The Indians there are dependent nearly altogether upon the salmon fishing industry, and they would suffer severely. What was urgently required was not additional means to capture the fish, but measures to increase the supply. The depletion went on steadily, but there was no recuperation in the supply.

Mr. Bell-Irving then moved that in view of the large sums invested by canners and fishermen in the salmon fishing industry, and in permanent improvements and appliances on the strength of existing regulations, it is necessary that when trap licenses are issued vested interests should be safeguarded; this board objects strongly to the manner in which licenses have been granted up to the present time, and urges that no licenses whatever shall be issued for the season of 1905 until a scheme has been adopted which shall be fair and equitable to the large interests involved; and in view of the depletion of

the supply of salmon making it urgently necessary that an increased number of hatcheries be built and operated on the Fraser river, River delta, and Skeena river, this board prays that prompt steps be taken towards that end.

In seconding the resolution, Mr. Burnett said he was heartily in accord with it. The Liberal Association was also unanimously in favor of similar action and had appointed a committee to draft a resolution dealing with favoritism over bona fide canneries.

The chairman asked Mr. Bell-Irving if there were any way in which the canners of British Columbia and Puget Sound or the governments of the two countries could co-operate to prevent the depletion of the fish. As it was, the Americans were stealing our fish, and the British canneries only got the overflow. For his part he thought the government was acting foolishly in not granting licenses.

"But if they are to be granted, it should be done fairly," Mr. Burnett remarked.

Mr. Bell-Irving said the canners infinitely preferred that no traps be granted, rather than that one or two people should secure a monopoly to the rule of the interests already vested. The industry was in such a depressed condition that it only needed the last straw to kill it, and it was a very serious matter to Vancouver and New Westminster. If there were a fair distribution of the licenses, most of the fish would be brought to the Fraser river and canned there. There has been an association of Puget Sound canners formed for the propagation and conservation of the salmon, and they were fully alive over there to the importance of the fish. Mr. Bell-Irving said they had only been organized a few weeks and were not sufficiently consolidated yet to devise a scheme. He had been pointed out to them that they will not be permitted to operate hatcheries of their own over here.

The resolution carried unanimously.

SALT SPRING NOTES.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Bittancourt and Mrs. and Miss Bayliss left for Victoria yesterday after spending a three weeks' holiday at the Marine View.

Every prospect is in favor of a bumper fall agricultural show this year on the island.

Mr. and Mrs. Hicks leave for Victoria tomorrow for a holiday on the island at the Stevens' hotel.

Mrs. Moffett and Mrs. Milligan are enjoying a holiday on the island. They are in one of Bittancourt's summer cottages at Vesuvius bay.

MAY STRIKE OIL SHORTLY.

Strong and Steady Pressure of Natural Gas at Stevenson.

The pipe that the Richmond Oil Company has been awaiting a long time will arrive over the C. P. R. tomorrow, says the Vancouver Province, and the drilling operations that have been suspended for the last week or more pending its delivery, will be resumed on Monday.

Mr. H. C. Fritts, superintendent of operations for the company, is in the city today, and stated that he lighted the gas last night for a test, and that he had a flare nine feet in width by eighteen feet in height, which was plainly seen in Westminster. The company is now down nine hundred and twenty-three feet, and he says the pressure of gas is enormous. A half-inch pipe taps the big ten-inch casing at the top of the derrick eighty-four feet from the surface of the ground, and runs fifteen feet higher up. The gas is lighted from the escape end of the small pipe.

Mr. Fritts says he is absolutely assured of the existence of oil. The deposit of gas invariably precedes oil, the only thing to make an operator doubt where he stands being when the gas comes for a short time and then plays out. A steady flow of gas has continued ever since it was first struck some three weeks ago, at an average pressure of seventy pounds to the square inch, and the existence of great quantities has been proved.

Prosperity in The Boundary

Mr. A. C. Flumerfelt Tells of Conditions There and in the Crow's Nest.

Rapid Development of International Company's Property—Lumber Trade.

The Boundary country is having a prosperous time. Mr. A. C. Flumerfelt, who returned to the city a day or two ago, says that business up there is good owing to the large amount of work in progress in railway construction, the development of the mines and the increased amount of prospecting now proceeding in the district. The city of Greenwood, in particular, is experiencing the best summer for some time past in the history of that place. On being asked by a Colonist reporter last evening concerning the Granby Company, Mr. Flumerfelt said that was rather a delicate subject and he preferred not to answer any questions about it. "I have given up my active duties in the work," he said, "but I remain a director in the company."

On the subject of the great development work being done by the International Coal & Coke Company on the Crow's Nest line, Mr. Flumerfelt said that 200 tons of coal per day steadily, and has been doing so for some months. The development work is progressing rapidly and most satisfactorily and two new veins have been opened up. The company is going ahead with the underground work with a view to commencing production on a much larger scale this autumn. "We think we can ship as far east as Broadview," said Mr. Flumerfelt, "and we shall ship a certain amount of coal and coke west. The coal we are mining is a high grade bituminous coal, free from slate. The veins are pitched and not flat as is the general rule in this country, and this is very advantageous, as so much work is done by gravity. Our plant is the most modern that can be obtained, and no money has been spared to equip this property with labor saving devices.

"Our town, Coleman, is rapidly assuming quite an air of importance. The C. P. R. railway station has telegraph and express offices, and we have two mails daily. The trains between Kootenay Landing and Medicine Hat all pass our way and help to make the town seem lively. We have a detachment of the Northwest Mounted police stationed there. There are two good hotels, several general stores, hardware shops and restaurants, besides boarding houses and private residences. Considering that the first stage was driven in on the 21st of October last, it is clear that the town has grown fast. We are now putting in a water works plant for the town. There is an ample supply of good water available and pipes are being laid to bring it to the place. We also intend to equip the town with electric light, the power for which will be generated by steam."

In addition to the large enterprises in the Crow's Nest and Boundary districts with which he is connected, Mr. Flumerfelt is equally interested in the shingle and lumber manufacturing business in Vancouver. In respect to this, Mr. Flumerfelt said: "Mr. Miner and I have been looking into the conditions prevailing at the Hastings mill, which are not promising for the immediate future. We intend to do what we can

to improve these conditions and make this important industry more stable, so that there will be continuity of operations rather than spasmodic and intermittent work. At present the mill is making shingles without a profit, if not at a loss. This is a matter of some moment to British Columbia and one which really should have consideration. American shingles and common lumber are admitted into Canada free of duty, whereas the Canadian shipper to America has a heavy duty to pay. As you know, a deputation representing the lumber and shingle manufacturers went to Ottawa some time ago and interviewed Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his colleagues. Sir Wilfrid informed the delegation that the question was a broad one and affected the whole fiscal policy of the Dominion. It is not known whether the matter will have the immediate attention of the Government or not, but those interested in the industry are very anxious and hopeful that the Government will see its way clear to afford some measure of relief to this important industry."

TELLS ABOUT THE LE ROI MINE

Former Manager S. F. Parrish Publishes Statement About His Regime.

S. F. Parrish, former manager of Le Roi mine, has sent the following letter to the Engineering and Mining Journal, New York:

San Francisco, Aug. 5.—To the Editor: In view of the fact that numerous articles have appeared in the American papers, as well as in the English press, concerning the Le Roi mine, it is but right that some facts concerning this property be placed before those interested in mining, as they are of importance.

When I took charge of the mine and the smelter at Northport as general manager, in February, 1902, I was informed by my predecessor that the mine was about worked out, and its life would continue not to exceed six months, or into the summer of that year. The necessity of immediately inaugurating a plan of prospecting and putting it into operation was apparent, and it was done. Diamond drill holes and cross cuts were made to the south of the old workings, in entirely new territory, with satisfactory results in many instances. On the bottom, or 1,350 foot level, 1,200 feet vertically from the surface, the result of this work was very valuable, disclosing, as it did, in places bodies of merchantable ore; valuable not only to the Le Roi mine, but to the Board camp in general, as the discovery demonstrated for the first time the existence of ore at great depth on Red Mountain. In addition to finding this solid ore, which had been realized zone extending the entire length of the claim was found, opening a large field for warranted prospecting.

So successful was this work that upon my retiring from the general management of the affairs of the company on June 1, 1904, there was much, if not more, ore in sight in the mine than at any period in its history.

The method adopted some years ago of sampling the output of the mine at the mine has only recently been really proven to be faulty, although both the late Oscar Szentoght, manager of the Northport smelter, and E. J. Wilson, the incumbent, maintained that the ore did not carry the values represented by the mine sampling. The attention of the company was drawn to this fact several years ago, but no action was taken in the matter until I decided that in the interest of all concerned, a method of accurate sampling must be adopted, not only for the protection of the mine itself, but to establish a reputation for the smelter as being beyond doubt accurate in its sampling. In its endeavor to build up a custom business, with this end in view I purchased in October, 1903, a Vezein sampler, which was to have been delivered at the smelter in 90 days. Owing to unavoidable delay it was not installed until April, 1904. Upon its installation the first accurate sampling of Le Roi Com-

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pany's ore in quantity was made possible, and the inaccuracy of the mine sampling proven. The absence of accurate facilities for this work created annually, as can be understood, a great difference between the values as represented by the mine sampling and the value of the smelter products. A pernicious custom was instituted by the home office of the company of mailing to the shareholders monthly an estimated value of the product, which has led, as can be readily seen, to disastrous results to those who, on the strength of such information, speculated in the company's shares. During the months of January, February and March last, the mine output was increased and the sampling at the mine showed much higher values than the ore contained, and losses to individuals speculating in the company's shares became a serious matter.

The information that anybody connected

with the mine profited by the faulty sampling and the erroneous statements of estimated values is absolutely without foundation in fact.

The recent sampling of the mine, the result of which was to give \$8.15 per ton as the value of the ore in the mine, I do not consider as fair; slope and drift faces vary in value and character from day to day, the values being very unevenly distributed through the ore; the face of pay ore today may in a few days be difficult to handle economically.

The conditions under which I assumed the management of the mine were such that it was either a question of abandoning it or spending a large sum of money in search of more ore. I took the latter alternative, and the mine is still shipping ore, and, I am informed, contemplates installing a concentrating plant.

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Lower Fraser Crops.—The farmers of
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crops. The yield of hay and oats will
be up to the average. The weather has
been all that the farmers desire, and a
large force of men find employment on
the lower Fraser.

Japanese Funeral.—Yesterday after-
noon the funeral of Tashio Nabori, a
native of Japan, 15 years of age, who
died at St. Joseph's hospital, took place
from Haywards' undertaking parlors.
Religious services were conducted by
the priests of the Bukyo faith.

Funeral Yesterday.—Yesterday morn-
ing the funeral of the late Mary Au-
gustine Salmon took place at 8:45
o'clock from Haywards' undertaking
parlors, and at the Roman Catholic
cathedral at 9 o'clock. Services were
conducted at the church and grave by
Rev. Father Latimer.

Progress of Survey.—H. M. S. Egeria
left yesterday for Nanaimo. She has
been making a survey of the waters
around Nanaimo. The Egeria is now
about two months of the season left
in which the Egeria can continue work.
Then, according to custom, she will re-
turn to Esquimalt and remain over
here until March.

Pastor's Vacation.—Enjoying a well-
earned vacation, Rev. J. P. Westman,
pastor of the Centennial Methodist
church, left yesterday evening on a trip
which, it is expected, will extend over
three weeks. He will visit different
points on the mainland, returning about
the 26th of September. While away his
pulpit will be occupied by Rev. E. H.
Shanks, the Australian evangelist.

Applying for Space.—Applications for
floor space at the approaching fair are
being put in to Secretary Swinerton
from interested exhibitors. They are
not only coming from local merchants
but from outside points. Business men
of Vancouver, Westminster and other
neighboring places are sending en-
quiries and that about the same time
moderation will be spoken for some weeks
before the show opens.

West Coast Lumber.—The Queen
City branch from the West Coast a big
shipment of lumber from the mill op-
erated by Messrs. Clark & Lee at Al-
berni. The lumber is of fine quality.
Only the best is sent to this city, where
it is loaded on cars and forwarded to
Winnipeg. The present management
have recently effected some improve-
ments to the mill, and of late the plant
has been kept pretty busy.

School Repairs.—During the vacation
the various public schools of the city
have undergone needful repairs, and
when the sessions reopen they will be
found in good condition. The advisa-
bility of repairing the roof of the Vic-
toria West building, which is reported
to be badly in need of repair, has been
informally discussed among some of the
trustees. It is altogether probable that
the work of repair will be undertaken
almost immediately.

Efficiency Pay.—Col. Hall, command-
ing the Fifth Regiment, expresses re-
gret at the lack of interest shown by
the men in attempting to qualify for
efficiency pay. Many did not go to
the trouble of shooting, the prospect
of the additional pay failing to be the
inducement that was expected. Although
the returns have not yet been all re-
ceived, it is known that No. 3 company
qualified the largest number, while in
several cases whole companies failed
to take advantage of the opportunity.

Gas Prospects Good.—At a recent ex-
hibition of the illuminating qualities of
the natural gas beneath Stevenson, with
a pressure of 25 pounds to the square
inch, the gas was ignited by a one-
man pipe, with the outlet at the top
of a derrick about 80 feet in height.
The result was most satisfactory, the
light illuminating the surrounding coun-
try. The promoters of the work are
opinion that oil will be reached when
operations are recommenced. It is as-
serted that sufficient gas accumulates
in the well to furnish light to the
town of Stevenson.

Ample Entertainment.—The pro-
gramme of entertainment for the ap-
proaching fall fair is receiving special
attention, and there is an assurance
that the bill of fare will be of the
best ever provided. A leading feature
will be the annual boxing tournament,
under the auspices of the Victoria as-
sociation. This will be held in a ma-
jority of the grounds adjoining the build-
ings and promises to be the most in-
teresting of any yet held in this city.
Almost every championship will be
contested, and some clever exhibitions may
be looked for.

Indian Salvationists.—Adjutant Thor-
indson, who has charge of the Salva-
tion Army work on the Skeena river,
and some of his converted Indians have
returned from the Old Country, where
they have been attending the great Salva-
tion Army congress in London. The
adjutant gave a rather interesting ac-
count of the trip to the Salvation Army
barracks last evening. He said that
in London they seemed to run against
the Salvation Army everywhere, and
he almost got to think that all the
people there belonged to it. They had
the largest halls in the city for their
meetings, but still the crowds were so
great that they had to have bands of
policemen to keep the people back
from the door.

Mail for Pitcairn.—The British postal
authorities have notified the United
States government as follows: "It is
the practice of this office to mark cor-
respondence for Pitcairn Island, 'Pit-
cairn and Mangrove,' and to forward it
in a separate mail to New York. No
change will be made in this practice
at present, but towards the end of
the year in any correspondence that
will be retained for despatch in a di-
rect mail from Esquimalt, B. C. Should
any correspondence from the United
States for Pitcairn island reach the
United States post office in the latter
half of November perhaps you will be
good enough to have it forwarded to
Esquimalt for conveyance by the
Shenauwat."

Evening Lecture.—E. H. Shanks will
lecture in the Y. M. C. A. rooms at
8:30 this evening. Subject: "The King's
Mule."

Psychic Research.—The Psychic Re-
search Society have discontinued their
Sunday evening meetings at K. of P.
Hall until further notice. The Thurs-
day evening meetings will continue the
same as usual.

Visiting Duncans.—Rev. Dr. Camp-
bell, of the First Presbyterian church,
and family are spending a holiday in
Duncan. He will give his impressions
of the place as a holiday resort to the
Colonist next week.

Cattle Sale.—An important auction
sale of milch cows, calves and horses
is announced to take place tomorrow
at 1 o'clock p. m., at Oaklands Dairy,
owned by Mr. Watson Clark. W. T.
Hardaker is the auctioneer.

Contract Awarded.—The contract for
supplying and installing the electrical
machinery in connection with the new
carpenter shop for the Imperial govern-
ment at Esquimalt has been awarded
to the firm of Stephens & Hawkins, the
Port street electricians.

Teamsters' Picnic.—The city team-
sters and their friends will picnic at
Langford plains today. A majority will
drive to the grounds, starting about
8 o'clock in the morning, while others
take the E. & N. train, which leaves
the depot at 9 o'clock. An excellent
programme of sports has been arranged.

Inspected Line.—J. G. Brown, of the
public works department, has returned
from an inspection of the Nicola tele-
graph line, which runs southerly from
Kamloops for 70 miles. Mr. Brown re-
ports the line to be in good condition.
He says there is a magnificent hay crop,
thousands and thousands of tons hav-
ing been cut.

Competent Teacher.—Yesterday Mr.
J. W. H. King, of Soanemo, having ac-
cepted a position in the city schools,
moved into town. Mr. King is a B. A.
graduate of the University of Indiana,
a specialist in science and holds several
scientific and normal school diplomas.
He has had extensive experience in all
grades of school work, both in this
province and in the East, and his work
here should be highly successful.

Bush Fires.—Campers at Shawuigan
lake were on Friday evening seriously
disturbed over the existence of a dan-
gerous bush fire at the rear of what is
known as the "White House," on the
opposite shore from Kooing's hotel. It
appears that the owner of the land set
a Chinaman clearing the brush away,
and that the fire got beyond control.
The authorities will be asked to inter-
vene to prevent the outbreak of fires
started under similar circumstances.

Gen. Parsons' Visit.—The announce-
ment that General Parsons, command-
er-in-chief of the military forces in
Canada, will spend a month at the
coast is taken to mean that he will
indulge in a shooting trip on the island.
Considerable interest is being evidenced
in military circles in the forthcoming
visit. It is expected that before his
arrival members of the garrison, in
camp, will be recalled so as to avoid
any interference with the progress of
the inspection.

Removing Church.—Good progress is
being made in the work of removing the
old church from the site of the new one
to be mounted on Signal Hill. T. N.
Woodgate, formerly O. C. W. in the
navy yard, has charge of the work. He
has the contract for taking the way
down the hill, and the building is be-
ing carefully taken apart so that it may
be put together again on the new site
which has been selected for it by the
Gillespie property just beyond, and on
the opposite side of the road from the
Conceal and Horses inn. The foundation
for the church is being prepared.

Test Case.—A test case has been
brought against the firm of J. H. Todd
& Sons to have determined by the courts
the question of jurisdiction over the
foreclosures which has long been in
dispute between the Federal and Provincial
governments. The action is for trespass
and damages, and an injunction to
restrain the firm from operating their
cable dock without having the neces-
sary authority of the province. The traps
are being operated at present under au-
thority of a Dominion license. The mat-
ter cannot come before the court until
the end of the month, as the necessary
foreclosures are not yet over, so that the
traps will not be interfered with this
season.

The Old Powder Magazine.—At last
the old powder magazine, which was
pulled down from the site of the new
one, has been removed from Beacon Hill Park.
The building was put up over 25 years ago
for the storage of powder by the mili-
tary authorities, and has since been a
source of trouble to the city. For
years, while powder was stored there,
it was contended that the patrons of
the park were in imminent danger, the
more so as the "no trespass" notice
was not strictly enforced. The work
which surrounded the magazine was
badly broken long before the ex-
plosives were removed, and now that
the old building has been torn down
no one feels sorry. It was a landmark
whose removal improves the scene.

Drill in Signaling.—A recent order af-
fecting the men at Work Point Barracks
made it compulsory for every non-com-
missioned officer or private belonging
to a company to take up signaling. This
of course, necessitates a great deal of
practice, and immediately after physical
drill in the forenoon the men are or-
dered to take their paraphernalia, sta-
tioned in a number of places, and
points, and go through three hours' of
steady work. They are allowed several
short recesses, but the training is al-
ways continued for the specified time.
As a result many of the men have be-
come quite proficient, being able to send
messages to each other from considerable
distances.

Garden Party.—Much interest is being
manifested in the garden party to be
given by the Women's Guild of St. James' church at
Mr. Frank Wollaston's grounds, "Her-
mosa," Menzies street, next Tuesday.
By the kind permission of Lieut.-Col.
English, commanding the barracks, a
band of the Victoria band will be
playing both morning and evening. The
grounds will be prettily decorated, and
in the evening will be lit up by the
electric light, thus rendering a beauti-
ful effect for a band concert in the
open. The proceeds are for the benefit
of St. James' church building repairs,
and it is to be hoped the public will
generously respond as the members of
the Women's Guild are sparing no effort
to make the garden party an ideal sum-
mer entertainment. His Honor the
Lieutenant-Governor, Sir Henri Joly de
Lotbiniere, His Worship the Mayor
are the distinguished patrons.

Latin in the Central School.—Last
year classes in Latin and geometry were
begun in the Boys' Central school, and
will be continued during next year.
These studies do not usually form part
of the common school course, but they
have been introduced into the Central
school in order that boys who are in-
tending to enter the High school may
be able to shorten the time necessary
to complete their preparatory studies.
The boys who passed the High school en-
trance examination last June taking
Latin and geometry, should be able to
finish the High school junior grade work
in one year instead of two, thus saving
a year in their school life. It is, of
course, out of the question to make
Latin a compulsory subject in the com-
mon school curriculum, but if, by giv-
ing the opportunity of beginning some
scholarship studies in the lower
school to boys who are looking forward
to a full High school course, a year
or more of time can be saved to them,
the expediency of doing so is obvious.

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Police Court.—There were three cases
of drunkenness disposed of at police
court yesterday morning, the usual fines
being imposed in each case. A charge
of indecent exposure was also on the
docket, but was adjourned until Mon-
day.

Presentations to Park.—The park
committee wish to thank Mr. W. H.
Hart, through Frances Kennedy,
curator of the Provincial Museum, for a baby
seat, which is quite an attraction in
the seal lake at Beacon Hill Park; also
Mrs. P. D. T. Hodgson for a bird
hawk.

A Deserter.—The Nanaimo police are
looking for Ernest Jenner, captain's
steward of the "Ageria," who deserted on
Wednesday last. He is described as a
man of medium height, fair complexion,
of years of age. A reward of \$3 is of-
fered for information leading to his ap-
prehension.

Service Notes.—In the Army and Navy
Gazette just published notification is given
that Lieut. Lyster F. Blandy, 48th (sub-
marine mining) company, Royal Engi-
neers, at Work Point barracks, has been
promoted to the rank of captain, from
April 1st last. Lieut. A. St. J. Yess,
2nd (submarine mining) company, Royal
Engineers, doing duty at Langford
Fort, Felixstowe, England, is held in
readiness to embark for Victoria early
in September next.

Kenel Shows.—Kenel shows are
shortly to be held at Nanaimo, West-
minster, Salem and Spokane. A number
of prize-winning dogs from local ken-
els will compete in each of these shows,
and it is therefore probable that some of
the trophies offered will be brought to
this city. Preparations for a small
show under the auspices of the Victoria
Kenel Club, open only to local dogs, is
under consideration, but nothing definite
has yet been decided.

U. S. Ships Coming.—The following
from Bellingham appears in yesterday's
Seattle Post-Intelligencer: "The cruiser
Marblehead has been ordered to sail
tomorrow to Seattle, where she will
remain for a day or two. She will
then proceed to Victoria, where she
will be joined about next Thursday by
the cruiser New York and the gunboat
Albatross. A stop of a day or two may
be made at Port Angeles, to give the
inhabitants of that place a chance to
make a close inspection of the big
warships."

St. Leger Sweepstakes.—The drawing
for the English St. Leger sweep will
take place on Sept. 6th. Mr. Salmon
has made arrangements to hold this
drawing in public, so that all can be-
come acquainted with the system of the
drawings, including the actual
drawing, will be under the entire su-
pervision and control of the sporting
editors of the local papers. Subscrip-
tions to the "sweep" are increasing,
and present indications point to the
issue being taken up. A similar large
sale is expected from other points
when returns are all in.

Three Alarms.—The fire laddies were
called out three times yesterday after-
noon. A roof fire at Robert Petticrew's
cottage on Fisgard street was extin-
guished speedily, little damage result-
ing; a grass fire called them to Gov-
ern's field, and a slight blaze at the
Colonist hotel was the cause of the third
alarm. In each instance the damage
was slight. Messrs. Goodacre & Sons
request that boys will not play on the
field during the continuance of the dry
season. The fire yesterday afternoon
was caused by a boy dropping a lighted
match.

Good Old Dan.—The members of the
fire brigade are mourning the loss of
one of their greatest favorites—old Dan
—who is now doing duty under the po-
lice patrol wagon. Dan was a regular
trick horse while in the fire department.
Some of his tricks were dishonest, for
on more than one occasion he would
break into the oat bin and help him-
self to more than regulations allowed.
While at the James Bay firehall he ac-
quired the knack of turning the tap
when he needed a drink, and on one oc-
casion at least he saved the life of
a child while galloping to a fire. The
little one got in front of the team and
Dan lowered his head and shoved the
child aside. The police speak well of
him, too.

Mallandaine-Ramsay.—At Nanaimo
yesterday morning Rev. J. M. Miller
joined in marriage Mr. Edward Mallan-
daine, of Creston, B. C., and Miss Jean
Ramsay. Mr. Mallandaine is a member
of one of the oldest families in the
province, he himself having been born
in Victoria, and in former years was
well known in athletic circles and par-
ticularly distinguished as an oarsman
and yachtsman. He is a son of E. Mal-
landaine, Esq., of Victoria, one of the
oldest residents there, who came to
British Columbia in 1858 and issued the
first directory of British Columbia in
1862, copies of which are now so rare,
and grandson of Major-General John
Mallandaine, E. I. C. S., and further
back connected with the very high Nor-
man French families through the Hug-
uenots. Mr. Mallandaine is now act-
ing as manager for a large saw mill
company in Creston and is district land
agent in the Kootenays for the C. P.
R. In Creston local affairs he is an
important figure, being a member of the
school board and justice of the peace.

International 'Phones.—A Belling-
ham correspondent writes: "A party of
government officials, consisting of Col-
lector C. W. Ide, Supervising Special
Agent Burton Parkier and Special
Agents Cross W. Stratton and G. F.
Cross, of the customs department, were
in the city yesterday. They are investi-
gating the route of the proposed tele-
phone connection between this city and
Victoria, by way of the San Juan
Islands, and Mr. Parker will report
from Seattle on Monday after com-
pleting the inspection. His report will
determine whether or not the govern-
ment will contribute a fixed amount in
tolls for a period of two years for the
use of the line in the customs and im-
migration service, in lieu of a rebate
of the duty on the cable necessary for
its construction, which rebate cannot
legally be made. The company which
contemplates the construction of the
line says it will build it if the United
States government will agree to use
it as above stated. Collector Ide has
practically recommended to the govern-
ment that an appropriation for that
purpose be made. He says the line
would be very useful to his depart-
ment. The enterprise is being promoted
by the British Columbia Telephone
Company, of which William Farrell is
president."

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25c, 35c, 40c
Goods Reduced to
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20-lb. Sack B. C. Sugar.....\$1.05
Christie's Sodas, 3-lb tin.....35c
Monarch Tea.....30c
My Blend Tea.....25c
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Fraser Lightship.—Interviewed at
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Ottawa, Aulay Morrison, M. P., said:
The lightship for the sand heads, at the
mouth of the Fraser river will be one
of the most modern and will be fully
equipped with all the latest appliances.
Commander Spain, who accompanies
the minister of marine on his trip next
week, will make an estimate of the re-
quirements and will give all the neces-
sary information regarding the ship at
inspection of the locality.

Sweet Singer.—Up to the present time
it has been the privilege of only a few
Victorians to hear the admirable voice
of Mrs. W. Theberge, a recent addition
to the musical talent of this city. Pos-
sessed of a soprano voice, rich in tone
and wide in volume, which is huddled
in masterly style, Mrs. W. Theberge
has won an enviable reputation in San
Francisco and in the East. Mrs. W.
Theberge will be heard publicly in this
city for the first time at the St. An-
drew's cathedral today at high mass.
She will render an Ave Maria of Gon-
nod, and at benediction one of Mas-
cagni's, accompanied on the violin by
Professor Ernesto Claudio. Miss Emma
Sill will preside at the organ.

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THE WINNIPEG FAIR

By Agnes Deans Cameron.

The big fair is over. It was a grand success. Where with the exhibition and 1905 meet, there seems to be a good chance for British Columbia securing it, although St. John, N. B., is pulling hard for the prize. The weather bureau certainly this year favored Winnipeg; the fair was held under the bluest of skies, and cool, pleasant nights succeeded peerless days, only twice it rained, and these were sudden thunderstorms in dead earnest while they lasted, but soon over. Rain in Winnipeg comes out of a blue sky, without a moment's warning. I spoke to the prayer of the old mountaineer of "The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come." "Give us rain, we pray," "Thee, not a rain, but a sun-shower, O Lord; if it pleases Thee, a gully-washer!" And the mud! Let us hope that politicians never throw mud in the windy city, for mud is a gully-washer, and it sticks.

The car-service to the exhibition was excellent; it was adequate, on time, and well handled. The great crowds from east, west, south and north were well satisfied. The horse races were a great feature of each afternoon's programme, and racing men are loud in their praises of the management here. The races were run "on the level," they were fast, and the judges insisted on clean work. I spoke with winners from Kentucky, from California and from Ontario, and all testified to the same end.

The side-shows were perhaps unduly insistent in the clamoring got on one's nerves, and the various "rest tents" were an appreciated relief. The parts of the exhibition which were most interesting to me were the stock, the products of the soil, and the wonderful array of Canadian manufactures.

To the left of the entrance was the old building of former years, containing art and women's departments; along from here stretched the side-shows. On the left of the entrance a wide walk led up to the peristyle, back of which the new sheds held what I would call the exhibition proper, i.e., the exhibits.

In the open central space several detachments of Canadian soldiers camped during the fair with tethered horses, armed guards and clean work. In the evening entertainments in front of the grand stand.

Three large buildings were devoted entirely to the exhibits, and in the Canada building, and these exhibits were to be a magnificent Pacific Islander a revelation indeed. Living in favored Victoria under Italian skies, one must be a little more than a little oblivious of a cold belt in Canada, but sleighs and sleds and stoves and sleds are here piled up in profusion, and the exhibits are a revelation indeed. Living in favored Victoria under Italian skies, one must be a little more than a little oblivious of a cold belt in Canada, but sleighs and sleds and stoves and sleds are here piled up in profusion, and the exhibits are a revelation indeed.

The Royal Crown and other soap companies have large exhibits, but neither in extent, quality of goods nor arrangement does any one of them excel the local exhibit of Penderay & Co., with which British Columbia visitors to Victoria exhibitions are familiar.

The Morris Piano Company had a splendid array of pianos in Flemish oak with brass trimmings, mahogany, rosewood, gold oak, cypress and bluish walnut. The outer casing of the boxes in harmony, are truly things of beauty. Of the music-making machinery within this deponent says not, finding it uninteresting to those who having no music in their souls are, according to Shakespeare, "fit for treasurers, stragglers and spooks."

The Dominion Organ & Piano Company also have a grand display in a prominent position in the Industrial Hall. The widespread reputation of the company is attested by the fact that the branch offices in all the great capitals of the world—Liverpool, Hamburg, Adelaide, Sydney, Johannesburg, Moscow. Over 60,000 of their pianos and organs are in use and all these were manufactured at Bowmanville, Ontario. Their average daily output is thirteen instruments, and "Dominion" pianos have received first awards at international exhibitions in Philadelphia, London, Sydney, Paris, Chicago, Montreal and Antwerp—not bad for the progressiveness of those who live in the "froze worst and saved the best" of the Dominion Cartridge Co., Ltd., of Montreal, which shows in thirteen stages the process of manufacturing their celebrated "vulcan" cartridges.

"Christie's Biscuits" is a well-known attraction, placed by the well known firm of Christie, Brown & Co., and is a "must" to them. They show 400 varieties of biscuits, ranging from hard tack to water, ice and vanilla wafers, and the exhibit is very artistically arranged. Said a "Dover" at my elbow: "Don't have anything like that on the Coast, do you? Looks pretty fine, doesn't it?" It was up to me, yes, it's pretty fine, I said; "The individual biscuits seem to be pretty nearly in the same class as our M. R. Smith's, but I think the Victoria firm could give you points on arrangement."

He was agitated. "Do you make biscuits at the Coast?" he gasped. "Oh yes, and soap, and candles, and rollers, and engines, and steamships, and portable houses, and—"

"But," he interrupted, as we passed some great agricultural machinery that I was just dying to examine, "make some things in the East, some big things, that surprise you, don't you?"

"Yes," I admitted, "mistakes!"

The lighting of the grounds and the big buildings was excellent, and it was a giant undertaking. For years the Winnipeg exhibition has been lighted by the Electric Light & Power Co., and when the local fair blossomed out in 1904 into the Dominion exhibition, this enterprising firm rose to the occasion. For two weeks before the opening, thirty electricians worked day and night on the preparatory arrangements. Some idea of the size of the undertaking may be gathered from the fact that this company placed 3,000 lights on the facade, 1,000 on the old main building, 1,200 on the grand stand, and 3,500 in the noisy midway, besides 2,000 colored strings over the sidewalks. They added in addition to this public lighting provided 12,000 incandescent lights to private exhibitors and rented \$30,000 worth of electric power for the grounds. They furnished, they furnished several motors, and \$10,000 worth of feeder mains, converting the electric power over the grounds. The

THE NAVY LEAGUE.

Local Committee Hold Special Session to Meet Organizer.

A special meeting of the committee of the Victoria-Banquet branch was held at the secretary's office on Friday afternoon, when there was an unusually large attendance, to meet Mr. H. J. Wickham, of the Toronto branch, who is on a mission for organizing a central office and committee for the Dominion. It is desired to combine and strengthen the working of the respective branches by having a permanent traveling secretary, who will visit the different branches, work up the membership and give addresses, etc. Mr. Wickham addressed the committee at some length and adverted to the encouraging words of several of the leading business men whom he and Secretary Peterson had interviewed during the last day or two. Several members present put themselves on record for generous support to the League, and the payment of expenses of the traveling secretary for three years, and a sub-committee consisting of ex-Mayor Hayward and President Fraser will accompany Mr. Wickham on Monday morning to call upon merchants and others to put their sympathy with the movement in thorough practical shape by naming more definitely the dollars that may be expected. Secretary Peterson says it is most gratifying to note that numbers of people are becoming more alive to the vast importance of the work of the Navy League in stimulating public opinion in the direction of greater support for the naval defense of the Empire by which British trade routes may be kept clear so that the vast web of world-wide commerce may glide to and fro in safety, and Canada will be kept speedily see that her extensive grain fields are not unprotected. Canada's future advancement is bound up in seeing to her maritime interests and Britain's supremacy of the seas.

BOYS' SUIT SALE.

Next week all Victoria boys go back to school, and this is the time when they need new suits and knickers. B. Williams & Co. are right on the spot with a Monster Boys' Suit Sale, and all boys' suits in stock will be sold at the large discount of 20 per cent. off for cash.

Included in this sale are several cases of new fall goods, which have just come to hand and which consist of some hundreds of the latest cut Norfolk suits in sizes from 24 to 34. Besides this special offer of 20 per cent. discount on any boys' suit the store has some one hundred and fifty suits left from last season in sizes 22 to 26, which will be found on the bargain counters and which are marked down to half price and in some cases even lower than that.

The boys' suit stock is very extensive, in fact, too extensive, hence the anxiety to be rid of them to make room for the new fall goods which are arriving daily.

Boys' knickers will also have to go this week as there are some 500 pairs, ranging in size from 22 to 34, and the big discount of 20 per cent. off for cash is bound to sell them. Fifty-cent knickers are now 40 cents; 75-cent pairs are now 60 cents, and the \$1 line are now 80 cents.

All men's and youths' suits, overalls, raincoats and pants are also being sold at this large discount of 20 per cent. off for cash.

B. Williams & Co. cordially invite all mothers, sisters, cousins and aunts to bring their boys, nephews and brothers and fit them with suits and knickers, while the stock is complete and the prices low.

THE JOY OF LIVING.

It is only the healthy who find a real joy in life. Weak, nervous, languid and discouraged people find new hope and energy in the use of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food. With new rich blood coursing through the veins and the thrill of new nerve force sent tingling along the nerve fibres, the joy of living returns and disease and weakness disappear.

The Victorians

Lost Again

Vancouver Won Out By Two Goals After a Hotly Contested Game.

Home Team Lacked Ability to take Advantage of Opportunities Presented.

Vancouver, 7.
Victoria, 5.

Victoria had the ball much more than Vancouver, but failed to do the right thing with it when they got it. That is a pretty fair criticism of the game at the Caledonia grounds yesterday. The young members of the team did not show up so well as they have on previous occasions. Morris did not have the dash that has usually guided him in the past, and Roskamp, although a tremendous worker, cannot pass the ball so that anyone can catch it, and Quincey and Stevens failed to render much account of themselves.

The Vancouver team was about the heaviest that the Terminal City has put in the field for a long time, and that, perhaps, made the younger men on the home team less effective. The visitors proved far the better team in the science of the game, and would have won by more had it not been for the heroic defence put up by Jack Wolfenden, the Lorimers and one or two others. The star player for the Victorians was undoubtedly West, who was all over the field without losing a single touch. White, the best of the stick-landers on the team, was also prominent. Gladman did not play. On the local home, Stan Peck worked like a Trojan, but was played down by Vancouver's opportunities "unnumberable by wild passing and delay in shooting. Vancouver has always had a strong defence, and it was never stronger than yesterday.

The game opened rather slowly and Vancouver scored the first goal in four minutes. Then the Victorians got busy, and Roskamp scored the second goal. There was nothing slow about the match after that. The rubber was taken up and down the field several times and Vancouver scored a couple of goals. Then the visitors scored an easy one, nobody except the goal keeper being on the spot to stop it. This was repeated a couple of minutes later, and once again. With the score at 4 to 1 so soon in the game, things looked worse for Victoria than in any of the previous matches this year, but it did not stay like that for very long. Victoria worked hard to get on a better footing, and soon Peck scored on a good pass from White. After the face of the but was saved by the goal keeper, but was a hot scrimmage ensued right before the goal, which resulted in another goal for Victoria. The first quarter closed almost immediately after the goal, with the score 4 to 3 in favor of Vancouver.

The first event of note after the blowing of the whistle was a very fine rush on the visitors' goal by Peck, but it was just missed. This was followed by a general attack and another goal resulted to Victoria. It was scored by half the team. The play was very hot and the Victorians were close checking. Roskamp and Peck made a big effort to score, but the Vancouver men bunched up before their goal and repeated efforts to break through the wall defence failed, the quarter closing with the score 5 to 4.

In the last quarter the Victorians were clearly the worse for wear, and the play opened slow. Quincey's assault on the goal was followed by a goal scored by Peck. Just before time was called Moffat made the last for the visitors and the game ended 7-5 for Vancouver.

A HINT TO TRAVELERS.

While in Suffolk, Va., Henry Croll, Jr., proprietor of the Beaverton, Mich., Hardware Co., was very sick with cholera. A traveling salesman from Saginaw, Mich., advised him to get a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, which he got, and he cured me, and I take pleasure in recommending it," he says. No one should leave home on a journey without a bottle of this remedy. It is almost sure to be used and is not obtainable without a stamp or card. For sale by all druggists.

Local News.

The Flagship Returns.—H. M. S. Grattan steamed into the Esquimalt harbor at 4:30 yesterday afternoon and anchored.

Friendly Help.—The rooms of the Friendly Help Association, Market building, will be open tomorrow morning for the purpose of displaying a collection of clothing and furniture, and the same will be thankfully acknowledged.

Dollars in Danger.—The police gathered in a drunken crowd last night, when searched in the lock-up had some \$110 in his inside pocket. The dollars were in danger judging from the man's company.

The Grand-Manager Jameson promises a strong bill for the coming week at the Grand Theatre on Johnson street. It includes the Jupiter Trio, Lillian, Clara and Bert, in Irish comedy, singing and dancing. Walter and Wilder society comedy sketch; the wonderful Busch, trapeze performer; Berrien and Mackin, singing and challenge buck and wing dancing; Mamie Haswick Norris, violin and cello and cello and violin; Frederic Robert in a new illustrated song entitled "Mountain's Fairest Flower," and a new series of moving pictures.

Excursions to Coast.—That an influx of tourists may shortly be anticipated will appear from the following announcement appearing in the Winnipeg Tribune: "The Canadian Northern has announced special excursions to Victoria and Vancouver and other points along the Pacific coast. Tickets will be on sale on August 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th. The return fare is \$50, with a transit limit of fifteen days going and a return limit of 60 days from the date of sale. Stopovers will be allowed at any point along the route within the limit of tickets."

Commercial Notes.—The following are incidents of interest occurring in the commercial field during the week. The Ladysmith Iron Works Company contemplate incorporating and adding stove works. Thos. Fitzpatrick has entered an action for damages for libel against P. L. C. Cotton, editor and proprietor of the Vancouver News-Advertiser. A writ has been issued against the corporation of the city of Victoria by the Victoria Terminal Railway and Ferry Company, Ltd., for the recovery of \$10,000, amount of first bonus due under terms of contract with the city.

Hog Cholera.—Dr. S. F. Tolmie, Dominion veterinarian in charge, has been up the island the past few days on a visit of inspection into the districts between Nanaimo and Ladysmith in the endeavor to discover to what extent hog cholera exists among the herds of the district. During his last visit here Dr. Tolmie quarantined two batches of hogs and on Friday found many of them diseased and ordered them destroyed. This is only one evidence of the active measures of the department to stamp out this loathsome disease among hogs. In addition to this they are pursuing inquiries away back in the Northwest Territories in the endeavor to locate the exact headquarters of the disease.

Gold for Perry.—Vancouver will hold a big meeting on Tuesday evening to discuss the future of the gold mine given to the Perry by Mayor McGuigan. It is in favor of giving him a purse of gold. He says: "What Perry wants is some substantial reminder of the fact that Vancouver is proud of him. I am in favor of a handsome subscription being placed in the hands of the man who has brought such glory to Vancouver. I think he should be handed \$1,000 in gold, and I am sure that amount could easily be made up between now and the time Perry reaches the city."

We might throw in an address just to show our feelings in a few expressive sentences, but I hope and trust that Vancouver will be able to do much better than that for the man who has done so much for her."

Boundary Survey.—Prof. F. W. King, superintendent of the Dominion Geologic survey, and Superintendent O. N. Pittman, of the United States survey, left for the North by the steamer Danube to make an inspection of the monuments already placed along the line of the boundary as laid down by the Alaska tribunal. The two gentlemen will go as far as Portland canal on the Danube, but it has not been learned how far they will go into the interior, though it is believed their present tour will take them a considerable distance inland. The first consignment of American-made boundary posts has been shipped North from Seattle to a survey party of the U. S. government at Haines Mission, and it is believed that the survey will be completed by the end of the month. The second shipment from Seattle was sent to the party on the Stikine river. The Canadian posts are being made at St. John, New Brunswick.

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Lumber Cheaper.—An important notice appears in the advertising columns of the Colonist this morning to the effect that the Victoria branch of the British Columbia Lumber & Shingle Manufacturers' Association has determined upon a reduction of 10 per cent in addition to the cash discount off the present price list on all rough lumber, laths and shingles. This applies to Victoria city and district.

Alaska Cable.—The Alaska cable is laid to within 150 miles of Cape Flattery. Two more days' continuous work will witness the completion of the line. This information given upon the authority of Col. James Allen, came from the north on the cableship Burnside, which arrived on the Sound yesterday morning. She tied up at the Arlington dock in Seattle at 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Col. Allen has charge of the Alaska cable work, and upon reaching the port he gave an outline of what has been accomplished to date. While as stated he says the cable can be completed in two days' continuous work, when the Burnside begins paying again and is not handicapped by unfavorable climatic conditions it will probably be about September 1st before the Alaska cable is in operation. The extreme southern end of the cable, Col. Allen reports, is about twenty miles of Cape Corcoran towards the northern end of Vancouver island and 150 miles north of the cape.

MORNING TIREDNESS: ITS MEANING.

Sleep not only rests, it builds up the body. If sleep is diminished or broken, rebuilding ceases and the nerves break to pieces. You have lassitude, tiredness, weakness, poor appetite, and an unwillingness to do work, or you do not sleep well. Not altogether from the loss of sleep, but because evil tendencies are breaking down the body. Morning tiredness is a proof of starved blood. Starved blood is an evidence of starved nerves. When you are tired in the morning it's a command to check the growing weakness by the use of Ferrozone.

Ferrozone creates appetite, digests food, forms rich red blood, and fortifies the nerves. Ferrozone adds at once to the strength of the whole body. Tiredness disappears almost at once because natural sleep has come back and of course strength, endurance, vim and bounce follows as naturally as day follows the night. Ferrozone is a maker of blood, a builder of muscle and strength. All dealers supply Ferrozone.

THE SCOFIELD PARTY.

Leave on the Steamer Spokane for Alaska—Regret Leaving The Washington.

After two weeks' sojourn at The Washington, Mrs. Ebenezer Scofield and the Misses Scofield, accompanied by three maids and valet, left on the Spokane for a trip to Alaska. In an interview last evening, Mrs. Scofield said that in all their summer trips abroad they had never spent a more delightful fortnight than here in this city at The Washington.

The view from this hotel is a pleasure we shall never forget, and it is our intention to return here next summer. The Washington surpasses any hotel west of Chicago. As to service and the cuisine, it has no equal.

Our party leave Seattle with many regrets.

Another shipment just arrived of the useful Little Folioing Whitney Goods at the Weathers. They are without doubt the delight of mothers and children. \$4.50, \$5.00, \$5.50 and \$6.00 each at Weiler Bros., Government and Broughton, fourth floor.

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WORKING GIRLS

A Cordial Invitation to Every Sick and Ailing Working Girl.

It is to these girls that Mrs. Pinkham holds out a helping hand and extends a cordial invitation to every sick and ailing working woman's life makes her letters of advice of untold value to every ailing working girl, and from her wide experience and skill she quickly points the way to health. Her advice is free, and all letters are held by her in the strictest confidence. Address Mrs. F. Pinkham, Lynn, Mass. Don't put off writing her until your health is wrecked.

Girls who work are particularly susceptible to female ills, especially when obliged to stand on their feet from morning until night. Day in and day out, month in and month out, the year through, the working girl toils; she is often the bread winner of the family, and must work that others may live; whether she is sick or well, whether it rains or shines, whether warm or cold she must get to her place of employment and perform the duties exacted from her.

Among this class the symptoms of female diseases are early manifest by weak and aching backs, pain in the lower limbs and lower part of the stomach; in consequence of frequent wetting of the feet monthly periods become painful and irregular, and frequently there are faint and dizzy spells, with loss of appetite, until such time as the body is so debilitated that it is unable to perform its normal functions, and it taken in time can be easily and permanently cured.

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Grateful Words from Working Girls Who Have Been Helped.

"I wish to thank you for the wonderful cure you have discovered for suffering girls. I am a working girl and do not believe there is a girl in the country who has suffered more than I have with female disorders."

"Although ever so many physicians and their various remedies were tried, nothing seemed to relieve me of the terrible pains, and it seemed as though there was no help for me, until I was finally persuaded to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound."

"It worked like magic, for I had scarcely finished the second bottle when a great change was noticed in my whole general health, and in the three months time I felt like a new person."

—Miss M. E. PATRICK, 914 Willow Ave., Hoboken, N.J.

"Seeing so many women and girls being helped by your medicine I thought I would try it. I was very irregular in regard to menstruation, and had had no menses for four months."

"I obtained a bottle of your medicine just to see if I could cure myself without going to a doctor. One bottle gave me relief, and I have not had the different girl altogether."

"I will never be without Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, as I know I would not be working to-day if I had not used your medicine."

—Miss LARA RICE, Standard Tea and Grocery Co., 765 Mass. Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.

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CITY CHURCHES

ST. JOHN'S.
 Preaching, morning and evening, Rev. A. J. Ard, Sr. The music follows:
 Morning.
 Venite..... Cathedral Psalter
 Psalms..... Cathedral Psalter
 Te Deum..... 1st Set
 Benedictus..... 1st Set
 Hymns..... 279, 78, 1st part, 290 1st tune
 Evening.
 Magnificat..... Slimper
 Nunc Dimittis..... Slimper
 Hymns..... 279, 78, 1st part, 290 1st tune
 Vesper-Lord, Keep Us Safe

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.
 Services, 8 a. m., 11 a. m., 7 p. m.; children's service, 3:30 p. m.; evening service, 7 p. m. Preaching, morning, Rev. W. H. Hume; evening, Rev. W. H. Hume. The music for the day follows:
 Morning.
 Voluntary-Andante..... Hy. Smart
 Venite..... 14th Morning..... Psalter
 Psalms for 14th Evening..... Psalter
 Magnificat..... Goss
 Nunc Dimittis..... Goss
 Hymns..... 331, 344 and 185
 Voluntary-Fantasia..... Lemmens
 Evening.
 Voluntary-Elevation..... Thome
 Processional Hymn..... 303
 Psalms for 14th Evening..... Psalter
 Magnificat..... Goss
 Nunc Dimittis..... Goss
 Hymns..... 331, 344 and 185
 Voluntary-Fantasia..... Lemmens

CHURCH OF OUR LORD.
 Services at 11 and 7 o'clock. The preacher on both occasions will be Rev. H. J. Wood. The music follows:
 Morning.
 Organ-Andante..... E. Lemaire
 Venite and Psalms-As Set..... XIV.
 Te Deum..... XIV.
 Hymns..... 331, 344 and 185
 Organ-Allegro..... L. Dietrich
 Evening.
 Organ-Andante..... Th. Salome
 Psalms-As Set..... XIV.
 Magnificat..... XIV.
 Nunc Dimittis..... XIV.
 Hymns..... 331, 344 and 185
 Organ-Postlude..... Arthur Page

ST. BARNABAS' CHURCH.
 Holy Eucharist, 8 a. m., matins and litany-11 a. m.; evensong, 7 p. m. Preaching at all services, the pastor, Rev. E. G. Miller.

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN.
 Services will be held at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. and will be conducted by Rev. W. Leslie Clay, B. A., who will be the preacher both morning and evening. The musical portion is as follows:
 Morning.
 Organ-Communion..... Gullmatt
 Psalm..... 74
 Anthem-Sing, O Ye Heavens..... Bebel
 Hymns..... 556, 66 and 91
 Organ-March Solo..... Gounod
 Evening.
 Organ-Andante Pastorale..... Smart
 Psalm..... 14
 Te Deum..... XIV.
 Hymns..... 331, 344 and 185
 Solo-The Plains of Peace..... Barnard
 Solo-Bishop.
 Organ-Grand Choeur in D..... Vincent

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
 Rev. Dr. Campbell, pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. and 2:30 p. m. The Rev. W. B. Whiteman will preach at both the morning and evening services. Mr. Whiteman came recently to Victoria from Toronto, where he was for several years, and is now doing good work at Dunsmuir and Chemainus.

METROPOLITAN METHODIST.
 The pastor, Rev. G. K. B. Adams, will preach at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Classes, 10 a. m. Sunday school and Bible classes, 2:30 p. m. Strangers cordially welcomed.

CENTENNIAL METHODIST.
 Rev. E. H. Shanks, the evangelist, will preach at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. In the absence of the pastor, who has been granted three weeks' holidays, Sunday school and Bible class at 2:30 p. m.

VICTORIA WEST METHODIST.
 On Sunday the pastor, Rev. J. McIntyre, will preach at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Morning subject, "Relationship to God"; evening subject, "The Kingdom of God." Sunday school and Bible class at 10 a. m. and 2:30 p. m. Meeting on Tuesday evening at 8 p. m. Missionary evening of Epworth League on Thursday evening, 7 p. m. Everybody welcome at all the services.

EMMANUEL BAPTIST.
 Services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Preaching by the pastor, Rev. Roy Dakin. Morning subject, "Meeting the Need"; evening, "On Life." Sunday school and Bible class at 10 a. m. and 2:30 p. m. Everybody is cordially invited to all of these services.

CALVARY BAPTIST.
 The pastor, Rev. J. F. Vickers, M. A., will preach at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Morning subject, "Lifting the Saints"; evening, "The Song of the Preacher." Mrs. Greville, a singer at the evening service. Sunday school and Bible class at 10 a. m. and 2:30 p. m. Y. P. U., Monday, 8 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday, 8 p. m.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL.
 Divine worship at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. In the morning members of the Sunday school will contribute largely to the service. In the evening, Sunday school and Bible class at 2:30 p. m. A cordial welcome awaits you at any or all of these services.

SPIRITUAL LECTURE.
 Earnest seekers after truth are again invited to the spiritual lecture to be given under the direction of Mrs. House at the K. of P. hall, corner of Douglas and Pandora, on Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. All welcome.

SPIRITUALISTS.
 R. H. Kneeshaw will hold a meeting at his residence, 125 Superior street, on Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. The subject of the lecture will be "After Death, What?" The meetings are free to the public, and a cordial invitation is extended to all. Spiritual readings will be given at the close.

Y. M. C. A.
 Rev. E. H. Shanks will address the gospel meeting at the Y. M. C. A. this evening at 8:30. Subject: "The Kings' Mule." All are invited.

The arrivals yesterday at the Vernon were: H. Shaane, New Westminster; Mrs. J. A. Clark, Vancouver; J. D. Gilliam, Mission City; K. N. Jones, Vancouver; J. E. Richardson, Toronto; H. W. Pindler, Rev. G. H. Wilson and wife, Vancouver; R. H. Neveland, Fort William; Mrs. C. Phair, Lillooet; C. A. Farnham and wife, Minnesota.

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PERSONALS.

James Sward, M. E., went yesterday in the city, leaving in the evening for Seattle.

Wm. Craig, of the wholesale leather firm of Craig & Wickett, of Toronto, and formerly of Port Hope, spent several days in the city this week, and left for the West via Grand Forks. He will visit the Granby smelter and mines, in which he is largely interested.

C. H. Chambers, E. B. McClure, C. C. Child, W. J. Ferguson and J. C. Beach, of the Monarch mill, Blaine, are spending a few days in town, in which he is largely interested.

R. Wilson is registered at the Dominion, and shortly after attaching his photograph to the register, learned that the electric car shops at New West- minster had been burned down, with a loss to him of some \$150 in tools.

Gold Commissioner Flewin is down from Port Simpson. He is accompanied by Mrs. Flewin.

Edward Taylor is down for a short stay from Alberni, and Rev. A. W. R. Whiteman from Duncan. They are at the Dominion.

O. B. McWha and John Mars are down from the cable station at Bam- berton. The former is on his way to the world's fair.

Miss Quin, Ottawa; Mrs. J. P. Phelan, Vancouver; B. R. Dawson, Nelson; A. Watson, Trail; Miss Mont- gomery, Colfax, Wash.; W. J. Mc- Gregor, Hooper, Wash.; W. J. Moul- ton, Tacoma; F. E. Coffey, Chicago; B. L. Smith and H. B. Camby, Van- couver; F. Davis, Calgary, and H. Ag- new, Kamloops, Man., are late arrivals at the Dominion.

C. A. Jacobs, of New York; W. G. Jones and wife, Seattle; C. Livingston, wife, and Miss Livingston, of Duncan; A. T. Von Ellinger, Portland; E. Meers, London, England; J. Lancaster, Coventry, England, are among those registered at the Dallas.

D. B. Simpson, K. C., and Miss Simp- son, of Bowmanville, Ont., are paying Victoria a visit. It is their first trip to the coast and they are delighted with all they see.

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In the Supreme Court of British Columbia

IN THE MATTER OF THE VANCOURN ISLAND BUILDING SOCIETY.

To All Members of the Above Society Who Did Not Attend the Special General Meeting Held Convened and Held on 1st August, 1904:

Take notice that application will be made by counsel on behalf of the Society to the Judge in Chambers at the Court House, Bastion Square, in the City of Victoria, on Wednesday, the 17th day of August, 1904, at 10:30 a. m., or so soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, for the approval of the Court of the proposal for compromising the liability of the Society to its members who desire to withdraw, contained in the following Rule added to the Society's Rules:

Resolution of the members passed at the meeting of the 1st August, 1904:

"Withdrawals."
 "Article 17, which members who have not had an advance (unadvanced members) may serve upon the Secretary Liquidator a notice signed by him setting out his desire to withdraw, and the Secretary Liquidator, with the sanction of the Directors or Inspectors of the Society, may pay to him out of the Society's funds the amount of his contribution, after deducting a discount of 25 per cent. Members who have had an advance (advanced members) may likewise, upon paying the outstanding balance of his contribution to the Society, withdraw, and there shall be paid to such member the amount of subscriptions paid by him, less a discount of 25 per cent. Provided always that priority in payment of withdrawals shall be given to all unadvanced members who, within one month from the date of the coming into effect of this Article, notify to the Secretary Liquidator their desire to withdraw. All other withdrawals shall be paid in order of priority of date." and shall be ordered as follows: One withdrawal after each appropriation (if any).

And take notice that by order of the Honorable Mr. Justice Martin made on the 10th day of August, 1904, the advertisement of this notice is to be deemed good and sufficient service of the summons issued upon such application upon you and each of you.

Dated this 11th of August, 1904.
 C. S. BAXTER,
 Secretary Liquidator.

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WANTED—Situations wanted by middle-aged lady as housekeeper or nurse. Address "Nurse," Colonist. au14

WANTED—Position by experienced lady bookkeeper and stenographer, either whole or part of the day; expert at auditing. Address "M.," Colonist. au12

WANTED—Plain sewing by the day. 88 Pandora avenue. au12

WANTED—Young lady (English) desires position as governess. Musical. "P.," Colonist. jy17

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WANTED—Situations by experienced gold and quartz miner from Australia; good references. Address J. Butler, Victoria West P. O. au13

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FOR SALE—MISCELLANEOUS.

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FOR SALE—Cane and boat-house, at a price. Address "G. W. W.," au14

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The C.P.R. Hotel

Foundation Work

Plans and Specifications Have
 Arrived and Tenders are
 Invited.

Everything to Be Ready For the Builders By the First Day of November.

The plans and specifications for the foundations of the new C. P. R. hotel facing the James bay causeway, have arrived and are on inspection at Capt. Troup's office. Tenders will be invited for the work at once, and there will doubtless be some lively competition, as already several contractors are figuring on the job. An immense amount of work has to be done, and all by the 1st of November next. About 22,000 cubic yards of dirt has to be excavated, and when it is stated that the piling in the foundations calls for 2,855 by 50 feet long, and in the coffer dam 500 by 20 feet, some idea may be had of the amount of piling to be done. The plank in the coffer dam calls for 30,500 B. M. the timber 20,000 and iron 4,000 pounds. The concrete flooring will total 2,520 cubic yards and in the pier and walls 6,508. The drawings accompanying the specifications show the general plan of foundation and typical cross-section of piers and walls. They are intended to embrace the entire foundation work up to the lower side of the basement floor. The full size of the building is to be excavated and 25 feet outside from the centre of outside walls to a depth of about eleven feet, being three feet below high tide level, elevation 100 feet above city datum. From the ground plan no correct idea can be formed of the layout of the building, but it clearly shows that solidity is the object aimed at and everything is provided to secure this end. What the building will look like when completed readers of the Colonist already know, as a sketch of the hotel has appeared. Until the plans for the rest of the structure arrive further details are withheld. As stated in yesterday's Colonist the pile driver is practically ready for work, and as soon as the contract is awarded no time will be lost in starting active operations. The specifications call for cedar and Douglas fir piles, and for all material used to be of the best quality.

Mayor Barnard telegraphed to Mr. Marple at Vancouver today suggesting that the time be extended from Monday to Thursday so as to give Victoria contractors a chance.

The following reply was received: "Tenders are for item work and not for above contract. Therefore, should be no cause for delay. Tenders will be received from Victoria contractors up till 20 o'clock Monday at Victoria."


CONCERT AT PARK.

Programme Which Will Be Rendered by Fifth Regiment Band This Afternoon.

Following is the programme to be given by the Fifth Regiment band at Beacon Hill park this afternoon, commencing at 3 o'clock:

PART I.

Coronation March from "The Prophet" Meyerbeer
 Overture "Orpheus" Offenbach
 Fantasia in Hungarian Style (Brass) Arr. Godfrey
 Potpourri of Irish Melodies Arr. Godfrey
 (Containing over twenty Irish folk-songs, and concluding with the favorite "Harp That Once Thro' Tara's Halls.")
 Intermission Ten Minutes.
 Grand Selection from "Cavalleria Rusticana" Mascagni
 Solo for Helicon "Polka Caprice" Solo.
 Bandman G. W. Peole, soloist.
 Grand Selection from Richard Wagner's Religious Opera "Tannhauser" Arr. Meyerbeer
 Selection of "Popular Songs" Arr. O'Hara
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Local News.

That Curfew.—Since the big fire the reporting staff of the Colonist has had a nightly alarm at 10 o'clock. It is quite trying in this hot weather.

Flathead Valley.—A joint stock company has been formed in Spokane, Washington, for the purpose of developing oil lands in the Flathead valley, East Kootenay.

Missing Railroader.—Since 6:30 o'clock Thursday evening George B. Clift, superintendent of the Seattle division of the Northern Pacific railway, has been missing. At that hour he was rowing in a canvas boat in Swamp creek, leading from Squak slough into Lake Washington. At 7:30 Friday night two Northern Pacific employees, Elleson and Armstrong by name, found the oars of his canvas boat floating near the place where Mr. Clift was last seen. George B. Clift is one of the best known railroad men in operating department work in the Northwest.

Afraid of Contraband.—Contrary to reports in circulation, the vessels in the fleet of the Boston Steamship Company will not load contraband cargo in Seattle for ports in the war zone, says the Seattle Times. Frank Waterhouse, managing agent of the company, said this morning that 25,000 tons alone have been refused for the steamship Tremont, and that other vessels flying the company's flag will decline to carry foodstuffs or supplies which would be declared contraband of war by the Russian government.

Fire Above Gorge.—A gentleman telephoned the Colonist yesterday evening reporting that a destructive bush fire is raging in the Arns at a point a little way above the Gorge bridge. During the afternoon the fire was in an incipient stage and could easily have been extinguished had the guardians of the law been watchful of it. Residents along the Arns are of the opinion that the present fire is calculated to do material damage to the beauties of the landscape, removing the splendid trees and shrubbery at the point mentioned.

Tram Improvements.—Victoria tram cars may later on be equipped with a new system of air brakes and whistles. At Vancouver on Friday a trial was made on the interurban car "Angley," of the B. C. Electric Railway Company. The trial was so successful that it has been decided to equip seven other cars with the same appliances without delay. The brakes and whistles are manufactured by the "Chalmers" engineering company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and were furnished to the company by the Canadian General Electric Company, which is the agent in Canada for the manufacturers.

NUCLEUS OF LOCAL FRUIT EXHIBIT

Fine Display in Jars on Hand at the Tourist Association Rooms.

The success that has attended the provincial exhibit of fruit at Winnipeg will do a great deal to draw the attention of outsiders to this industry in the province. A tourist representative called at the tourist rooms yesterday and was shown by the secretary some jars of fruit that have just been received from the Victoria Fruit Growers' Association. They include some splendid samples of cherries, as cut with the stem right from the tree, and are calculated to make one wonder at the enormous yield of fine fruit that can be obtained right here in Victoria.

These jars, said Mr. Cuthbert, are just the nucleus of a splendid permanent exhibit that the association intends to maintain in the rooms. This exhibit was arranged for some weeks ago by a special committee of the association, of which Mr. T. M. Henderson was chairman, and Mr. W. G. Grant, representing the fruit growers. The Tourist Association made arrangements to obtain the jars and will bear what expense there is in connection with arranging and displaying the exhibit; and the fruit growers will supply the fruit and put it in the jars. It is expected that this permanent exhibit, following on the special exhibit at Winnipeg, will be taken by the Tourist Association upon fruit growing around Victoria, will do much to secure some of the great benefits that will be derived from the exhibition at Winnipeg. It is only this morning that a gentleman from Regina called at the rooms and stated that the result of so many people coming to Victoria during this season will be that energetic steps will be taken by the cities west of Winnipeg to have much better rates put in to this city. There is no better field for the provincial fruit growers in which to advertise the British Columbia fruit than the Canadian West, not only because of its safe and profitable market, but because of the market for land and obtain permanent settlers from that section. The policy of the Tourist Association is to advertise Victoria thoroughly through that country and to make such an exhibit as was sent to Winnipeg.

Teresa Seized At Dutch Harbor

Five Other Sealing Schooners May Be In the Same Plight.

Action of American Authorities Due to Vessels Carrying Guns.

Bad news reached the city yesterday from Dutch Harbor. It was brought in private letter and is to the effect that one or more of the Victoria Sealing Company's fleet of schooners has been seized by the American authorities at Dutch Harbor. The schooner that is known to have been seized is the Teresa, and the reason for the action of the Americans is that she carried or is alleged to have carried guns in the Behring sea.

The Teresa arrived at Dutch Harbor on the morning of the 27th of July and she was then seized. Following her some little distance behind were four or five other schooners belonging to the same company, and it was reported in Dutch Harbor that one of the schooners carried guns and that as there was no means of warning them, they also would be seized on arrival. They had not come in at the time the mail closed.

Another report is mentioned in the letter to the effect that one of the schooners got rid of the "corpus delicti" by throwing her guns overboard into the sea.

Further information of the fate of the schooners is likely to arrive in a day or two.

It is stated in sealing circles that the schooners are quite likely to have got into trouble in the way indicated, as they would not be expecting any interference.

OANFA ARRIVES.

China Mutual Steamer Brought Mixed Cargo From England and Orient.

The Blue Funnel steamer Oanfa, Captain Bartlett, which left Liverpool on June 1st and Yokohama on the 27th ult., arrived in port early yesterday morning with considerable cargo for this port including a shipment of shells and other munitions of war for the warships at Esquimalt. The officers of the Oanfa report a voyage devoid of incident. They saw nothing of the Russians although they heard a good deal of them at Yokohama, where there was some excitement owing to the exploits of the warships from Vladivostok.

Some little anxiety was felt on the Oanfa on running north to Muroan from Yokohama, as the Russians had been pulled up on this ship might have been inclined to disbelieve the shells were not destined for Japan in view of the course the steamer was taking.

In regard to the sinking of the Knight Commander, one of the officers of the Oanfa points out that the Russian had reason to be a little crusty with the British traders in the Orient. He asserts that the British ships are not at all averse to carrying coal and other contraband for the Japs. While the Oanfa was in Yokohama she saw two British steamers loaded down with coal destined for Kobe. They lay low while the Russians were cruising in the vicinity. Another British trading steamer with a cargo of coal was actually caught by the Russians and the master was a cunning Scotsman and he ran a bluff on the Russian officer who came aboard to inquire what he was doing, and said that he had only declared contraband of war for him and he went with full steam.

The Oanfa has about 800 tons of stuff for Victoria and is expected to leave for Vancouver tonight or tomorrow.

THE ATHENIAN IN.

C. P. R. Liner From the Far East Only Stayed Half an Hour.

The C. P. R. steamer Athenian arrived at the outer wharf from the Far East at 2:30 yesterday afternoon, with very little freight and only one passenger for this port. The officers of the Athenian report a very quiet voyage. A thick fog prevailed on the Japanese coast and for some days after leaving Yokohama, but here the weather was fine and the sea calm.

The Athenian brought no news of interest and sailed for Vancouver shortly after 3 o'clock.

WILL PAY DEARLY.

Officers of Steamer Colon Have Their Licenses Suspended by Inspectors.

San Francisco, Aug. 13.—By a decision given yesterday morning, the wreck of the Pacific mail liner Colon off the Salvador coast in April of this year, the license of Capt. Irvine is suspended for twelve months. The reason given for the suspension was the loss of the license for four months. Chief Engineer Sullivan's license is suspended for four months also, and the three assistant engineers, Sullivan, Campbell and Farley, have their license suspended for ninety days each.

The inspectors, in their written opinion, declare the wreck was the result of the celebration of First Officer Wilson's marriage on board to a comely widow, who was a passenger, and whom he met during the trip. The contents of innumerable flasks and bottles were consumed on the night of the wreck.

SHIP CAPTAIN SUICIDES.

Master of American Ship Spartan Ends Life Off Washington Coast.

San Francisco, Aug. 13.—Capt. Ferguson, master of the American ship Spartan, committed suicide by leaping overboard from his vessel while at sea, when the Spartan was off the coast of Washington. It was 7 o'clock in the morning when Capt. Ferguson went on deck, and after looking aloft at the sails, walked slowly to the port side, near the mizzen shrouds, and suddenly leaped into the sea.

The men reached the captain within fifteen minutes after he had jumped into the water. He was unconscious and died an hour later. Temporary insanity is given as an explanation for the deed.

ALLEGED SHANGHAING.

Sequel to a Shipping Case in the Police Court at Vancouver.

The two Finnish sailors, Brase and Neilson, who were ordered on board the barque Hawthornbank by Magistrate Williams yesterday morning, never got on board and are again in the custody of the police, says the Vancouver News-Advertiser. This time, however, they are not being held as criminals, but as material witnesses against Mr. Barney Martin, who keeps a seamen's boarding-house on Seymour street, and against Martin is that he kidnapped these men to serve on board the Hawthornbank.

After they had been ordered aboard yesterday morning the Rev. C. N. Hauge, who had acted as interpreter, told Detectives Jackson and Waddell the true story of Brase and Neilson's adventures as he believed, and asked if something could not be done. They suggested the employment of a lawyer, and all went together to the office of Mr. J. A. Russell, who took measures to secure the retention of the two men as material witnesses against Martin.

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who has been summoned to appear in the police court this morning.

Magistrate Williams was appealed to and consented to cancel the order bidding them go on the ship.

Their own story, as told to the Rev. C. N. Hauge and Detectives Jackson and Waddell is to the effect that a short time ago they were persuaded by Martin to desert from a sailing ship that was lying in port with a promise that if they came and stayed at his boarding-house he would get them a job on a steamer. One day he filled them with liquor and got them to sign on the Hawthornbank. They were taken down to the wharf by Martin, but on seeing a sailing ship refused to go aboard and returned to the boarding-house. Martin telephoned for the police, who came and persuaded the men to go on the ship. They stayed on board for one day, and then jumped overboard and swam ashore, and were gathered in by the police as vagrants.

Cattle Sale

Under instructions from Mr. Clark, I will sell at Oakland Dairy (on account of completion of Hospital contract).

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1 Jersey Cow, due in 10 days.
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The Indian As Revealed in The Curtis Pictures.

By Gertrude Metcalfe, With Lewis and Clark Journal.

The most disconcerting mystery that ever confronted us as a nation is undoubtedly the problem of the Red Man who was once lord of North America. Today, after four centuries' embarrassing acquaintance with him, we look into his stolid, unrelenting face and know that his inner life is still a sealed book to us. We have no intelligent comprehension of the ideas that underlie the secret rites of his tribal life. Unquestionably he lives a dual existence, and the surface characteristics that we see give no clue to the soul within. This has been kept hidden from us with a pertinacity and cunning that probably has no parallel in the history of mankind.

Even his origin remains undetermined. Whether he originated in the Old World, or whether his fossil ancestor, the first man, will yet be found in the auriferous gravel of California, or in Southern Utah, or on the shores of the Great Lakes, as fondly hoped by some of our Western geologists, it is at least fairly well established that the misnamed Indian of Columbus' day had lived in America through untold ages of isolation. His development has been entirely self-wrought. And for this reason no race on the globe affords a more fascinating or significant subject for study. But it is a dying race, and in a few years there will no longer be an opportunity to study the rich symbolism of tribal life and jealously guarded ceremonies.

A Western artist, Edward Curtis, of Seattle, with a genius for penetrating the mask of Indian nature, is making it his life-work to preserve by the aid of the camera the essential characteristics of these vanishing tribal types. He has already spent some years studying the Red Man in tepee and pueblo. Each photograph is a masterpiece of art; the heads are often life-size and are startling in the mingling of old-time majesty of aspect with untamed savagery. Intelligence of a high order gleams from many of those seamed, weather-worn faces, but it is not for the intelligence of civilized man. In a lightning flash of sympathy Mr. Curtis has succeeded in catching with his camera the ancient, elusive glory of the native American.

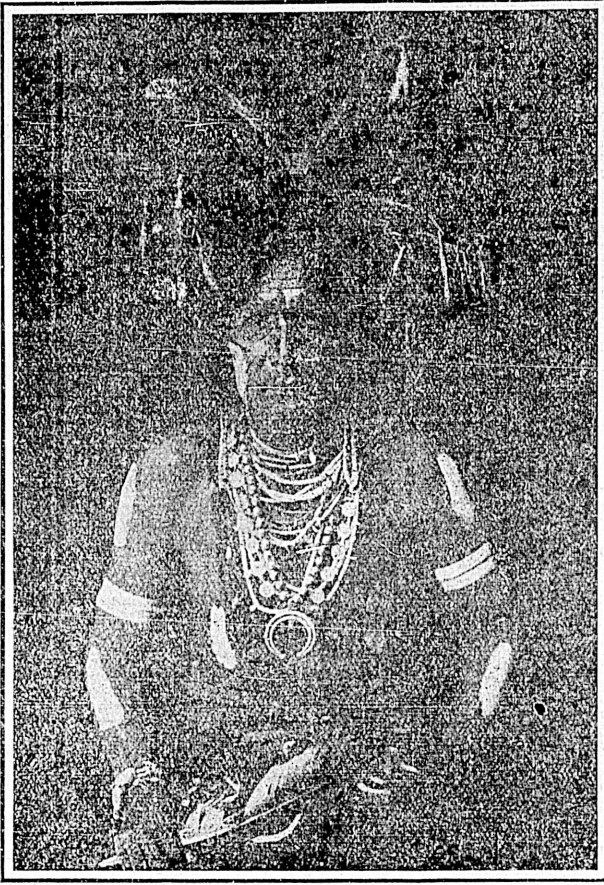
When it is remembered that there are no fewer than 800 tribes now remaining, and that these are hastening with fatal rapidity toward total extinction, the colossal magnitude of Mr. Curtis' task will be understood. He has the encouragement of the leading scientific institutions of the country. "This thing is too great for any of the institutions to attempt," they say to him, "but if you can carry it through along the lines which you are now attempting you will have accomplished one of the greatest tasks of our century, and the work when completed will be something which every scientific institution must have."

Beginning with the tribes near his own home on Puget Sound, he produced the three notable pictures, "The Clam Digger," "The Mussel Gatherer," and "Evening on the Sound." These were experimentally submitted to the National Photographic Convention of 1900, and to the surprise of the artist, for Mr. Curtis is essentially modest in his own estimate of himself, won the grand prize.

The first of these pictures, "The Clam Digger," which is given herewith, is remarkable for its glamorous beauty of atmosphere and play of poetic fancy about the bent figure of the old squaw. It breathes a feeling of vast loneliness, isolation, mystery, and is a marvelous study of twilight. Brooding night is caught in the very act of descending upon the earth.

This picture recalls the days when clam-digging was an important source of revenue to the Indians of Puget Sound. After drying the clams they sold them along with slaves and strings of dentalium shells used for money (shank-wah), to the Indians of the interior, receiving in exchange mountain sheep's wool, porcupine quills, embroidery, the grass from which they manufactured thread, and even dried salmon, the product of the Sound fisheries being poor in quality compared with the highly-prized salmon of the Yakima. Those well-worn trails leading over the mountains and along the river banks eastward are now almost obliterated, but our most trustworthy ethnologists surmise that all these Pacific Coast tribes migrated from across the Rocky Mountains in comparatively recent times. Further to the north certain Alaskan tribes probably crossed Behring Strait on the ice and settled the neighboring shore line of Siberia.

One by one the brilliant hypotheses of the Red Man's migration from Asia across the Pacific are being exploded. Our greatest American ethnologist, Daniel G. Brinton, after a lifetime of research, suggests that these mystifying men came from Western Europe when mankind was in its infancy; that by some shifting of the earth's crust they were cut off from the Old World and thereafter lived in tragic isolation. As a result their development has been absolutely independent, so that they became a distinct race, wholly unaltered by contact with the three other great races, the White, the Black or the Yellow. This view is supported by the most careful English geologists, who



A Hopi (Moqui) Snake-Priest in Full Ceremonial Costume.

now regard it as beyond doubt that a land connection existed at the close of the last glacial epoch between Europe and North America by way of Iceland and Greenland. This land bridge formed a barrier of separation between the Arctic and Atlantic oceans, so that the temperature of the higher latitudes was

much milder than at present (Brinton's "American Race," p. 31, and A. J. Jukes-Browne's "Building of the British Isles," pp. 252, 257). According to this theory the venturesome Red Man, most daring of pioneers because he had wandered farthest from the birthplace of mankind, was cut off from his fel-



"Old Person," a Blackfoot Warrior, in Full Battle Costume.

lows by an impassable flood before the human race had diverged from ethnic unity.

It is not improbable that the Red Men were here during the glacial epoch. The cold descending from the north drove the tribes southward, crowding them toward the narrow Isthmus of Panama. This helps to explain why the ancient civilization of North America reached its height in the south, the place of greatest growing, which naturally entails social advancement. As the cold receded the tribes gradually returned northward again.

After making a study of various Indian tribes of the Pacific Northwest and finding them inferior in many ways to their eastern relatives, Mr. Curtis turned his attention to a people that was richer in strong and picturesque types for the artist to work from.

As a member of the Harriman Expedition to Alaska in 1899 he had become well acquainted with George Bird Grinnell, "Father of the Blackfoot People." There were many long talks on shipboard in the opal, flame-riven mists of those northern seas, and these earned him a visit by invitation of Grinnell to the home of the Blackfoot in Montana for the celebration of the Sun-dance. Now for twenty years Grinnell has not failed to be with the Blackfoot at this season. Their love and respect for him endures him as a sort of honorary chief of their tribe, and he is always given a place of special honor, the ceremonial lodge which occupies a conspicuous place in the very center of the great tribal circle of the Sun-dance encampment.

This wild and terrible ceremonial of the Blackfoot with its elaborate and mystifying ritual has now been forbidden because of its cruelty and cruelty it excites in the great throng of Indians that take part in it. But Curtis, as the friend of Grinnell, occupying the same lodge with him, was the guest of the Blackfoot people, and therefore had the rare satisfaction of obtaining pictures of ceremonies to which few Anglo-Saxons have ever been admitted. The Sun-dance he witnessed was the last one to be held by the Blackfoot people. However, the Sun-dance of one tribe may differ from that of another, the essential feature is sun-worship and the

self-torture of ambitious young braves who voluntarily offer themselves in fulfillment of a vow that they may obtain the wish of their heart, or to prove their valor. A ritual of purification was generally begun during the winter by each of these braves separately, and continued during several months till the date set for the dance, which was always in June. Invitations were issued by the tribe to all the neighboring tribes, and many thousands formerly congregated for the great event. Feasting, the giving of presents to the poor and the forming of alliances amongst hostile tribes preceded the sacred dance.

Heralds or orators, with tufted, beaded wands and other masters of ceremonies were appointed to see that all the thousand and one matters of ritual were properly observed. Two days were spent in forming the great tribal circle, which was sometimes almost a mile in diameter. On the third day came the work of selecting the great warriors who were to go in search of the mystery tree—evidently a relic of tree-worship common to many Indian tribes, but not at all understood yet by Anglo-Saxon students. In this contest the competing braves, putting on their feather war-bonnets and riding very swift horses, raced their steeds and three times recounted their great deeds, even representing them in pantomime. In former times the wailing and singing of women who had lost children in camp attacks mingled with this recital of adventure. On the fourth day the picked warriors who had won in the contest went in search of the mystery tree. When this was found they returned to camp and performed the mystic rite of laying bare to the four winds of heaven a square of virgin earth within the tribal circle. This "mellowed earth space," which it is claimed by some ethnologists, enters into the religious ceremonies of nearly every North American tribe, is believed to represent the unpopulated life power of the earth. A certain trailing sweet-smelling grass and the sacred wild sage were then planted on this untamed soil, after which a buffalo skull was significantly laid upon it. Both the buffalo and the wild sage were intimately interwoven with the entire fabric of this ceremonial Sun-dance. It is even supposed that the time of celebrating this great religious festival was set by the stars of the constellation.

The assault upon the mystery tree on the fifth day by the great army of braves in battle array mounted on swift horses was a remarkable spectacle. Lieutenant Schwatka, who was present at the Sun-dance that has been held, has given a vivid picture of the solitary old warrior stationed on the hilltop, whose sacred task it was to give the signal of assault at the moment of sunrise. His aged figure silhouetted against the tender glow of dawn in the sky was watched breathlessly by the waiting thousands below. Suddenly rising to the full grandeur of his heroic life he braced himself for the output of all his powers. As the red disk appeared above the horizon he lifted his arm to the east and gave a tremendous shout. Instantly the army of warriors rushed forward to the charge upon the tree, all their pent-up savagery venting itself in war whoops, wild blows and death-dealing shots.

If the tree bravely withstood the charge it was accepted as suitable for use as the sun-pole and felled. Under the leadership of the Sacred Woman, a troop of virgins, against whom there had never been a breath of scandal, were assigned the duty of stripping the tree of leaves, but on these and other points custom frequently varied. A Teton, whose very accurate and full description of the Sun-dance was published in the Eleventh Annual Report of the U. S. Bureau of Ethnology, asserts that the sun-pole must not be profaned by touch of man until it reached camp. The ingenuity of the Indian was therefore taxed to its utmost limit to find means of conveying the tree with a minimum of contact with it, by means of horses, a litter of sticks, or other device. Only braves whose greatness had been well proved could assist in the sacred act of raising the sun-pole. The supreme act of this barbarous religious drama was the self-inflicted torture of the devotees in honor of whom the Sun-dance was held. During the entire day preceding this torture the braves who were to submit to it engaged in a ceremonial dance with faces turned toward the sun. The next morning they offered themselves to a medicine man, who, lifting up the loose skin from each breast, made incisions with a sharp knife and inserted skewers by means of which the devotees were raised from the ground and suspended from the sun-pole, where, agonized and bleeding, with faces turned away to the sun, they swung until sunset, unless the terrible strain upon the skin enabled them to break loose before the fatal hour of sunset arrived. Buffalo skulls were sometimes fastened to the heels of the sufferers and the wailing and dancing of other devotees added to the barbarity of a scene on which civilized man does not like to dwell.

One of the most remarkable portraits that Mr. Curtis obtained in the Rocky Mountain region was that of Double Runner, a Piegan. There is a strange mingling of unconquerable dignity and cynicism in the face; a fine sarcasm hovers about the thin lips. The eyes of a man who, though he belongs to a vanquished race, would die without surrendering the secret of his inner self. His personality would always remain inviolate and unconquerable in its hidden inner stronghold.

Another triumph was the portrait of the Sacred Woman of the Blackfoot who took part in the ritual of the Sun-dance—a most beneficent figure. In the picture of "Old Person," on the other hand, we see a Blackfoot warrior in full battle costume, tomahawk in hand. His elaborate war-bonnet, which extends far down toward his heels, is made of eagle plumes. A Blackfoot brave was not only a good fighter, he was also, along with the Crow, the fashionable dandy of the plains. It was surprising what elegance he could put into the trappings of a barbarian. The art of dressing skins was brought to a much higher degree of perfection by his tribe in early times than among civilized nations. As it was his custom to put a black dressing upon the deer skins that were made into leggings and moccasins, it is supposed that this was the origin of the name Blackfoot given to his tribe. Embroidery of porcupine quills, fringe made of long black hair taken in battle from the heads of his enemies, and a robe made of the skin of a young buffalo bull with the battles of his life ingeniously pictured on the inner or flesh side, were some of the characteristic features of his toilet in the old days. Hawk bills and dried antelope hoofs rattled and tinkled as he stalked grandly about.

Within ten days after witnessing the famous Sun-dance of the Blackfoot people, Mr. Curtis was in Arizona, in time for the most curious Snake-dance of the Hopi (Moqui) Indians. This occurs in the full moon of August, and while the dance itself occupies less than an hour, it is preceded by a period of preparation and ritual which forms an important feature of this mystifying ceremonial. Mr. Curtis was not only a privileged spectator of the Snake-dance,



Apache Mother and Babe.

but succeeded in obtaining a number of very valuable portraits of the Hopi Snake Priests.

In the sun-parched mesas of Arizona, where the Hopi villages are situated, the worst enemy that these agricultural Indians have had to contend with from time immemorial, has been lack of rain and failure of crops. An inbred fear of famine shows itself in all the ritual of their tribal life. And it is supposed that the Snake-dance symbolizes this desire for rain and a bountiful harvest, at the same time being mysteriously connected with the worship of their ancestors and their origin as a race. The serpent as shown on their altars and walls seems to typify lightning. In these picture prayers to the God of the Clouds yellow is said to be used when rain is desired for pumpkins, green for corn, red for peaches, etc. And these symbolic colors appear conspicuously in the decoration of the priests or medicine men who take part in the Snake-dance.

For eight days before the dance begins certain young men are anointed and sent out with bags to the four points of the compass, north, south, east, west, to catch the rattlesnakes that are to be used on this occasion. When from 100 to 500 of these have been caught, they are given in charge to skilled snake-herders or charmers, who guard them sacredly. Although the snakes retain their deadly fangs and that are to be used on this occasion, they are allowed the freedom of the underground ceremonial house (Estufa) they are held in complete subjection by means of the sacred eagle-wands. This wand has a red wooden handle with a green snake entwined upon it, eagle feathers tipping the end. Whenever a too inquisitive snake wriggles away from his guardian, bent upon exploring the surrounding territory, he is gently brushed with the eagle-wand, which at once covers him in the most remarkable manner and sends him back to his brother snakes in the corner.

According to Captain John G. Bourke, who has made a particularly careful study of this ceremony, "the Hopi believe that snakes have an instinctive dread of their powerful and unrelenting foe, the eagle, whose mode of attack is to tap the serpent gently with one of his wings and exasperate it into making a spring. When the snake has lunged out with all its force and struck nothing but feathers, its strength is gone and it lies motionless upon the ground. From this position it cannot recover before the king of the air has seized it in his talons and soared away with it to hiserie upon some distant mountain peak. Apparently the snakes recognize the eagle feathers in the wand, which explains their terrified and precipitate retreat the instant the wand touches them."

Among the characteristic features of the Snake-dance, which is somewhat different in each Hopi village, may be mentioned the grand procession of painted snake-priests and dancers who, to an accompaniment that simulates the shrill patter of falling rain, circle around a sacred rock, a buffalo-lodge and a cottonwood tree in full leaf. Each dancer is naked except for a kilt of cot-

ton cloth ornamented with a picture of a writhing serpent. Dangling in the rear are skins of fox and coyote. The rest of his bare body is painted a greenish black, with broad white bands encircling each arm. A necklace and sash of priceless seashell beads is a conspicuous feature of ornamentation. Bunches of feathers are attached to the crown

of the head, the long black hair of the devotee hanging loosely about his face. The deadly writhing snakes are held firmly between the teeth in the mouths of the dancers, and kept in order by a gentle tickling by the feather wands of the attendants. From time to time the

rock for the injury very much as a child would do. Along with this is a well-marked spiritism or belief in ghosts. The soul of a tree, a rock, or a coyote, can leave its proper habitat and take up its abode in another body. There are free, independent, wandering minds. (See Major J. W. Powell on this subject in the Twentieth Annual Report of the Bureau of Ethnology). The Indian therefore imputes disease not to bodies, but to ghosts of these bodies. So the medicine man must first make a diagnosis to find what particular ghost has caused the disease, and next, by invoking the aid of his tutelary deity and the mysterious forces of nature, discover the special remedy to be applied, at the same time with incantations, threatening and occult rites commanding the ghost to leave the body of his patient.

In Apache-land Mr. Curtis obtained a great variety of striking and impressive types for study, and he considers this one of the richest fields for the artist. "The Lost Trail" tells its own story. On a slight elevation of the yucca-grown plain, a picturesque group of Apache horsemen are gathered, their dark blanketed forms and bronzed faces boldly outlined against the clear sky of the desert.

The Apache renegade "General Neato" is the type of Indian that has caused our United States Government more trouble than any other of his race. It is a face of deadly cruelty and shows a savage cunning that is probably without a counterpart in the history of the peopling of the earth. In bitterness of hatred, passion for revenge, lightning swiftness of attack, stoic indifference to pain and absolute fearlessness, he is without a rival. Such marvelous alertness of eye is never found in civilized man.

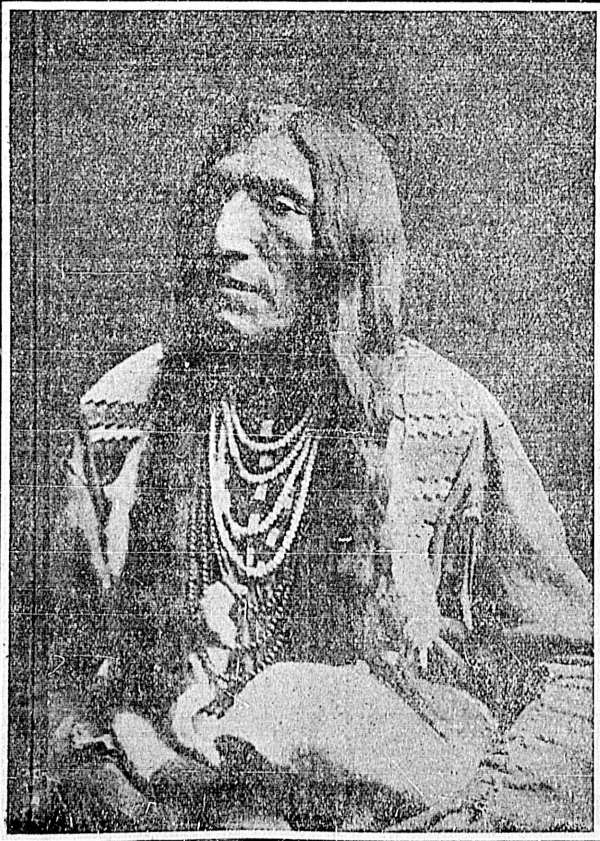
Contrast with this the Apache mother and babe. Maternal pride, a solicitude of the tenderest sort are found in the face of the girl-mother. The child, in his joyous innocence, believes the world is made up of carresses and soft words. And yet the same pictures portray number of the same tribe.

We read in this remarkable collection of portraits all the conflicting potentialities of the Indian nature.

The percolation of a liquid through a porous solid is much affected by the temperature. It has been found that the lateral friction is reduced as the temperature rises.



"The Clam-Digger," a Subject Picture on the Shores of Puget Sound.



Double Runner, a Piegan of the Rocky Mountain Region.

ing up the tension of the electricity in the cloud condenser, it no doubt affects the form of lightning which is unusual during a shower would provide an interesting experiment which appeared in a newspaper the other day.—London TIT-BITS.

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A Great Man's Good Stories

A Noted Englishman's Fine Collection of "Good Things."

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Sir Mountstuart E. Grant Duff, author of "Notes from a Diary," has for many years been prominent in English political life. He has served as rector of Aberdeen University, was under-secretary of state for India, under-secretary for the colonies, and governor of Madras. He has served as president of the Royal Geographical Society and of the Royal Historical Society. He has published a number of books, including a biography of Renan. Now, in his old age, he is publishing his diary wherein he remarks in the preface to these two volumes: "I have resolutely kept to the less serious side of life. The books are little more than a series of clever anecdotes—a record of 'good things.'" And when the "good things" chosen for setting down is (as was usually the case) the cleverest story, the wittiest bon-mot, uttered at meetings where were gathered England's greatest scientists, or at dinners where cabinet ministers, authors, artists, actors, and other notable folk were assembled, the result is bound to be something worth while.

Many of the stories relate to India: as might be expected, considering Sir Mountstuart's interest in that country. Here is one of them: "I was present once upon a time, at one of these days, the following story, too good, I fear, to be worthy of implicit credence: Suar means in Hindoostani a pig, and is a term, especially when applied to Mohammedans, of the most furious abuse. Sowar is a trooper. Billa means a medal, while Billa means a cat. At the time of the queen being proclaimed Empress of India, the colonel of a regiment, in evil hour, insisted on addressing it in a Hindoostani speech, in commemoration of the great event, and this is what he said: 'Pigs! the Queen Empress has sent me a number of cats, which I will now distribute among you. She requests that you will hang these round your necks and continue to wear them in that manner.'

Another story of a native potentate in the Pamirs was told the author by Colonel Younghusband, who is now leading the British troops into Tibet. This interesting person had a few years ago murdered his father, poisoned his mother and thrown his two brothers over precipices, and then announced his deeds to his suzerain, the Maharaja of Kashmir, in the following terms: "By the power of God and the decree of fate, I and I fell out. I took the initiative and settled the matter, and have placed myself on the throne of my ancestors."

Speaking of Tennyson's death, the author quotes from a letter written him by Wilfrid Ward: "We were in great grief at Tennyson's death. We went there straight from York House last month. He was depressed, and had lost his walking powers; but his mind was not even in the smallest degree weakened. We talked of Lancelot's death, and he was seriously thinking of writing on it, but he raised two objections. One was that Lancelot buries Guinevere near Arthur's grave, which would be impossible after the account of Arthur's passing in the idylls; the other was his sense of the greatness of the work if it was at all to do justice to the subject. I said: 'Write a short poem.' That is harder still," he said; "a short poem needs so much force, force of mind, use of language, I have not time to write short letters."

There is also quoted a remark of Tennyson about himself made to the master of Trinity: "I can execute like Shakespeare, but I have nothing in me." An especially noteworthy passage, in view of the current interest in things Japanese, appears under date of September 11, 1892: "Howarth brought down with him," says the author, "a thing I have never seen before, and which is, he says, very rare, a scented Japanese dagger. I thought the smell of the blade more like that of cinnamon than anything else to me." A little further along is a story of the Alnos of Japan. We quote:

The party at dinner was small. I had on my right the reader of the paper, Henry Savage Landon, whose theme was the northern island of Japan, which the Japanese call Hokaido, but which we improperly call, it would seem, call Yesso. Mr. Landon told me that a young lady had said to him: "You have been traveling among the Alnos, haven't you?" "Yes," he replied. "They live," was the rejoinder, "do they not, in the Ionian Islands?"

Of Victor Hugo there are a number of excellent stories. On page 130 of the first volume we find this passage: Mr. Cross, who married George Eliot, came to the house of Victor Hugo, and he told me that Ivan Tourgueneff had recounted to him a scene which curiously illustrated the poet's character. He had been speaking very disparagingly of all literature outside of France. "But surely you would say," would you not, Maitre, that the Germans had a literature?" interposed Tourgueneff. "Certainly not," was the reply. "Oh, but had they not a writer called Goethe, who left behind him some considerable things?" "No," was the rejoinder; "I have read his Wallenstein, and I cared very little for it."

This brought out a story from Sidney Colvin, who was present: Sidney Colvin, who was sitting opposite, said: "I was present once upon the conversation turned upon Goethe's want of German patriotism during the Napoleonic wars. Victor Hugo said: 'Je regarde Goethe comme Jeanne d'Arc au milieu des bourgeois.'" In comparison with this example of a poet's great conceit, we may put this story of Pope Plus the Ninth: who was the Duke of Sermoneta, too, who said, speaking of Pio Nono: "The Pope has hitherto regarded us Christ's vice-regent upon earth; but the present Pope takes a different view. He considers that Christ is his representative in heaven."

A remarkable item appears in the "Diary" under date of March 27, 1893: "To the Geographical Council Club dinner and meeting. At the dinner, which was small, Captain Wharton, the hydrographer to the admiralty, told us that he had once anchored in very deep water, on the east side of Yuleon, the southernmost of the Lipari Isles, but that he had kept up steam, with the intention of being off immediately if the wind changed to the east. He mentioned this to an Englishman who lived on the island, and was in charge of some borax works. "But," said the man, "there is not the remotest chance of the wind going round to the east without full warning." "What warning?" asked the other. "Oh!" was the rejoinder, "the volcano always warns us." "The volcano?" said Wharton. "Yes, the volcano; a fumare always emits a whistling sound before the east wind begins to blow." Shortly after this Wharton was looking at Strabo, and, to his astonishment, found that that writer mentions the fact that the Englishman had never heard of Strabo in his life. Strabo died as an old man about A. D. 25, so that this excellent fumare must have been giving its warnings well nigh two thousand years at least.

Many of the stories relate to clubs. Here is one of the good ones: Sir Philip Currie said to me: "I never dined at Limer's before. It used to have the character of being rather a rendezvous of viveurs; in fact, it was a place where so many of its habitués suffered from delirium tremens that when some one, who was not of that persuasion, was dining there, a mouse came on the table and began to nibble a piece of bread, whereupon a sympathetic waiter observed to him: 'Don't be afraid, sir, it's a real mouse.'"

Here is another about a club—the famous Brook's: My neighbor on the right was Lord Portescue, who told me an old tradition of Brook's which I had never heard of. As soon as the appointed hour had struck, it was our habit to proceed to election there the moment that twelve members were present. On one occasion when the drawers were opened it was found that a candidate had received a black ball from every one of the twelve, and that there was one to spare. This naturally excited much wonderment, and the aged waiter who was in charge, was questioned about it. This venerable person confessed with many apologies that he was so convinced of the unsuitability of the candidate that he had black-balled him himself. He was commended "for his zeal and good taste," but requested not to repeat the performance.

Under date of May 2, 1892, occurs this entry: Mr. Hutton and Father English called. We spoke of Liddon, who told Hutton the following story: "Hearing that Henry of Exeter was almost in extremis, he went to ask for him; but sent up a message to say that he would not come in, lest he should be in the way at such a time. The dying man, however, sent out to beg him to do so, and he obeyed. When he entered, he found the bishop lying upon three chairs without giving the slightest sign of life. He waited some minutes, and then said that he would not further intrude. Thereupon the bishop opened one eye, but did not speak. Again ensued a period of death-like silence, and again Liddon essayed to go. The bishop then opened the other eye, and said: 'Oh, Mr. Liddon, I am a poor man living totally out of the world, do tell me if anything is going on.' 'Well,' answered the other, 'we have had a great election contest in Oxford, and Mr. Gladstone has been beaten.' 'Oh,' answered the bishop, who of course knew all about it, 'what was the subject of the contest?' 'It turned,' replied Liddon, 'on Gladstone's attitude toward the Irish church.' 'The Irish church?' asked the bishop, 'and what did he want to do to the Irish church?' 'To disestablish it,' was the answer. 'And what were the reasons that you gave?' inquired the bishop. Liddon stated them, whereupon the old lion, summoning up all his strength, thundered out: 'The rascal!' and the interview came to the end."

Here is another anecdote in which Gladstone figures: They talked of witty things said in the House of Commons. Gladstone remarked that they were few, and that very much the best he had ever heard was Lord John Russell's answer to Sir Francis Burt, when that ultra-Radical grown ultra-Tory having said that there was nothing more odious than the cant of patriotism, Lord John replied that "the cant of patriotism was no doubt very odious; but that there was one thing even more odious—that was the recant of patriotism!" "I heard it," said Lord Fortescue, "and cheered him as loudly as I could," adding to me, "I had it on the tip of my tongue to say to Gladstone, 'Did you?' but I refrained!"

Following this, a story told by Lord Milner is quoted: Milner mentioned that he had once heard a speaker in the union at Oxford speak of the present Lord Portsmouth as "the noble lord." Some one rose to order, and asked the president if that phrase was correct. He ruled, probably in error, that it was not so, but the orator, in no way disconcerted by the interruption, said: "Well, I wish to draw the abusive epithet," and went on. At a dinner at which were present Sidney Colvin, Canon Alinger, Sir W. Clay, Professor Flower, Henry James and others, the author mentions that conversation turned to the Duke of Wellington. Whereupon Douglas Galtou told this story:

At the time of the threatened Chartist riots, in 1848, some one who had to command a body of "specials," and who knew the duke well, said to him: "I want to be quite clear about our duties. I should like to know, for example, exactly at what stage the military will be called in." "Oh," rejoined the duke, "that is a question which I can answer quite easily; when all the 'specials' have been killed."

Wellington naturally suggests Napoleon, and it is interesting to note that, according to Lord Acton, the historian, of all the commanders whom he had encountered, Napoleon rated most highly. Alvin, whom he defeated at Arcola. At a meeting of the Breakfast Club, at which Lord Dufferin was present, the talk turned to Lord Lyons, the British ambassador at Paris:

Propos of this, Dufferin added that he had once, by way of making conversation, told the wife of a minister that the British embassy retained the only furniture of the First Empire, Wellington having bought it from the Princess Borghese, and that Lord Lyons slept every night in the bed of "La belle Pauline." The lady, not strong in her history, grew scarlet, and with intense indignation, replied: "Monsieur l'ambassadeur, nous ne connaissons pas votre belle Pauline."

Here is a story told to Sir Mountstuart by the Duke of Rutland, relating to the second Lord Erskine, when he was at Cambridge: He was supremely ignorant of all his examiners expected him to know, but they were exceedingly anxious to let him through. The matter in hand was the names. "You row on the river," said one of them, "do you not?" "Yes," replied Lord Erskine. "Well, supposing that in rowing you struck against the pier of a bridge, would you fall backward or forward?" "I have no very slightest idea," was the answer. "Well, I will try it in another way," rejoined the examiner; "you are fond of hunting, are you not? Supposing that you were in a field and your horse was suddenly stopped by a wide ditch, of the existence of which you were quite unaware, how would you fall?" "God only knows, sir," said the other, "how you would fall, but I trust that I should keep my seat."

Here are several stories which are their own excuse for being: Lady Agatha repeated a story which she said her father had been fond of telling about a traveler in the Lake district, who, hearing that a particular village was in winter almost entirely cut off from the rest of the country by snow, asked how they managed to get a doctor if any one was taken ill. "Oh!" at that season," was the reply, "the people die a natural death."

We talked of absurdities in prize poems, and Herbert Stephen quoted two lines from one upon the illness of the Prince of Wales, which I had not heard before: "Flashed from his bed the electric message came, He is not better; he is much the same."

Flora told an excellent story of two men who, wishing to play a trick upon a friend famous for finding out riddles, conspired to ask him one which had, they thought, no answer. "Why is a ghost like a mullin?" He asked for a day's time, and then gave the answer: "They are both fancy bred." Clara mentioned the well-known riddle, "Why did Joseph's brethren put him in the pit?" with the old answer, "Because it was such a fine opening for a young man," and a better new one, "Because he had a coat of many colors and could not be admitted into the dress-circle."

A traveler in Egypt tells me that, among the random inscriptions with which tourists have defaced the monuments of antiquity, only one struck him as at all witty. A Frenchman had scrawled on one of the tombs of the kings at Thebes, "La vie est un desert," to which was added, by a later hand, "Et la femme le chameau."

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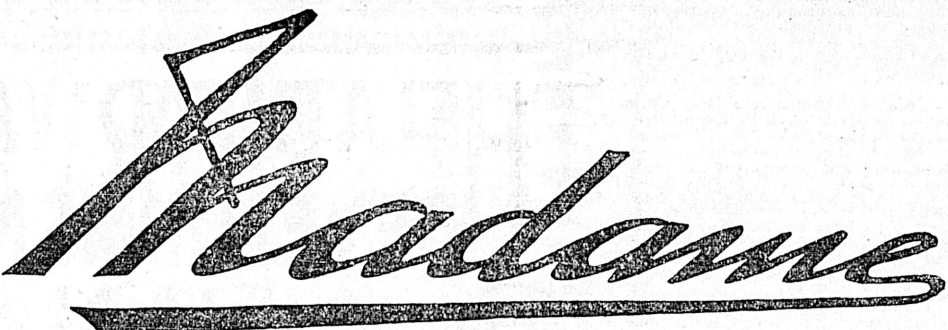
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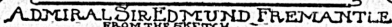
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Royal Dignitaries Who Have to Walk Backward

In the description of the numerous state ceremonies at the court of King Edward, which are published in the English newspapers, we are informed that His Majesty and Queen Alexandra were "preceded by the great dignitaries of the royal household, walking backward." This is an accomplished feat, and one which is almost impossible to describe in an art that by no means easy to acquire, and yet which is indispensable to those who are called on to back in what is known as the sunshine of royalty. Nowhere is it carried to greater perfection or more frequently practiced than at the court of King Edward, and its dignitaries have been doing so much of it lately in connection with the various state functions and ceremonies of the London season that they must experience some difficulty in reverting to the normal and everyday methods of progression.

It is scarcely necessary to state that the walking backward constitutes a token of great respect. It is an act of homage that men of the old regime in Europe still accord to every great lady of their acquaintance when they back out of her presence at the close of a call, and is based on the doctrine that it is discourteous to turn the back to any one who is entitled to deference. The turning of the back on a person is to such an extent a demonstration of disregard and contempt that it is never come to be used as a figure of speech or expression of aversion, and hence it is not unnaturally forbidden by the etiquette of most of the courts of Europe in the presence of royalty.

But it is at the Court of St. James that the difficulty of this respect is most strict, and on all state occasions the Lord Chamberlain, the Lord Steward, the Treasurer of the Household and all the other court officials, known as "White Slaves," invariably precede the King and Queen and the members of the royal family, walking backward, keeping their faces toward royalty and their backs to the remainder of the world. Let any one try to walk backward along the full length of a big hall, however, and a few steps, looking backward, and yet keeping in the proper direction—all the more important to preserve, since the officials thus walking backward head the royal procession and he will see how difficult it is to preserve either one's dignity or one's bearings. Very often the walking backward has to be done not merely on a level, but also up and down steps and stairs, which is even still more anxious, and requires a great amount of practice.

Those not accustomed thereto sometimes come to grief in the same manner as the Duke of Argyll. On one of the rare occasions on which Queen Victoria opened Parliament in state, the Duke, who carried the crown of the realm on a velvet cushion. At the close of the ceremony, during which he had occupied a place on the dais of

the throne in the House of Lords, he started to move backward from the presence of Her Majesty. He forgot, however, the steps of the dais, and when he reached the edge of the latter, he fell backward, all huddled up in his long and heavy ermine barred peer's robes, from the folds of which he was extricated with difficulty. The Queen, whose face showed more concern than amusement, although the gravity of those about her were sorely taxed by the spectacle, presented by the "Cock of the North," as His Grace was styled in Scotland, in consequence of his somewhat strutting gait, spoke a few kindly words expressing the hope that he was not hurt, and then swept out with her cortège.

Lord Pembroke, the present Lord Steward of the household, Lord Chamberlain, the Lord Steward, the Treasurer of the Household, and Lord Howe, who is the Queen's Chamberlain, are, however, adepts in the art of walking backward, and being tall, handsome men, manage to accomplish this arduous feat in a fashion that is not in the least bit ridiculous, but very stately and impressive.

BUILT AN ISLAND ON A SHOAL

Children's Play Ground in the Mississippi River.

Dr. Justice Ohlgh became a few years ago health officer of St. Paul. He noticed a bit of shoal in the Mississippi, where the river was low, but accessible within ten minutes' ride from the city hall. Securing possession, by gift, of as much as he could and by purchase of what he could not, he had the city's clean waste dumped upon this little island, thus rapidly bringing it above high water mark. On the four and one half acres thus ingeniously wrested from the "father of waters," the city of St. Paul maintains with easy reach, a majority of its population a children's playground, a small "zoo," a vegetable garden (to support the 40 uniformed attendants), public baths, with modern sterilizing plants for the bathing suits, a swimming pool, a boys' gymnasium and a girls' gymnasium—and all united by a small but satisfactory park.

NEW USE FOR THE AUTO.

Mrs. Johnson—I wish I could think of something to keep my husband at home nights.
Mrs. Smithson—Give him an automobile.
Mrs. Johnson—He'd be out more than ever then.
Mrs. Smithson—No, indeed. My husband got one last week and the doctor says he won't be out for six weeks—Milwaukee News.

Ants distinguish enemies from friends with their antennae or feelers. Cut off their feelers and ants of hostile species work together in peace.

When the smash came he disowned me by cable. By selling my ponies and my other belongings I was able to walk out of my quarters penniless but free from debt.

"And all through a deceitful woman!"

"Yes."

He peeped at him from under the brim of his sou'wester. He seemed to be a surly contented, so different was his tone in discussing a necessarily painful topic to the attitude he adopted during the attack on the pitcher-plant. He was puzzled, but ventured a further step.

"Was she very bad to you, Mr. Jenks?"

He stopped and laughed—actually roared at the suggestion.

"Had to be!" he repeated. "I had nothing to do with her. She was humbugging her husband, not me. Fool that I was, I could not mind my own business."

So Mrs. Costelloe was not flirting with the man who suffered on her account. It is a regrettable but true statement that Mrs. Costelloe at that moment, she walked on air, during the next half-hour of golden silence, and Jenks did not remind her that they were passing the gruesome Valley of Death.

Rounding Europa Point, the sailor's eyes were fixed on their immediate surroundings, but his gaze dreamily ahead. Hence it was that she was the first to cry in amazement—

"A boat! See, there! On the rocks!"

There was no mistake. A ship's boat was peached high and dry on the north side of the cape. Even as they scrambled towards it Jenks understood how it had come there.

When the Sinder parted amidsips the after section fell back into the depths beyond the reef, and this boat must have broken loose from its davits and been driven ashore here by the force of the western current.

Was it intact? Could they escape? Was this craft stranded on the island for their benefit? If it were seaworthy, which would they have to do? These islands whose blue outlines were visible on the horizon?

These and a hundred other questions coursed through his brain during the race over the rocks, but all such wild speculations were promptly smothered when they reached the craft, for the boat and the whole of her lower timbers were smashed into matchwood.

But there were stores on board. Jenks remembered that Captain Ross' foresight had secured the provisioning of all the ship's boats soon after the first wild rush to steady the vessel after the propeller was lost. Masts, sails, oars, seats—all save two water casks—had gone; but Jenks, with eager hands, unfasted the lockers, and here he found a good supply of tinned meats and biscuits. They had barely recovered from the excitement of this kind, when the sailor noticed that behind the rocks on which the craft was firmly lodged lay a smothered and freshened by the spray of every gale, and completely shut off from all seaward access.

It was not more than four feet deep, beautifully carpeted with sand, and secluded by rocks on all sides. Not the tiniest crab or fish was to be seen. It provided an ideal bath.

It was overjoyed. She pointed towards their habitation.

"Mr. Jenks," she said, "I will be with you at tea time."

He gathered all the tins he was able to carry, and strode off, enjoining her to fire her revolver if for the slightest reason she wanted assistance, and giving a parting warning that if she delayed too long he would come and shout to her.

"I wonder," said the girl to herself, watching his retreating figure, "what he is afraid of. Surely by this time he was exhausted the unpleasant surprises of the island. Anyhow, now for a splash!"

She was hardly in the water before she began to be afraid on account of Jenks. Suppose anything happened to him whilst she was thoughtlessly enjoying herself there. So strongly did the thought possess her that she hurriedly dressed again and ran off to find him.

He was engaged in fastening a number of bayonets transversely to a long piece of timber.

"What are you doing that for?" she asked.

"Why did you return so soon? Did anything alarm you?"

"I thought you might get into mischief," she confessed.

"No. On the other hand, I am trying to make trouble for any unwelcome visitors," he replied. "This is a cheval de frise, which I intend to set up in front of our cave in case we are compelled to defend ourselves against an attack by savages. With this barring they cannot reach the position."

She sighed. Rainbow Island was a wild spot after all. Did not thorns and briars grow very close to the gates of Eden?

On the nineteenth day of their residence on the island the sailor climbed, and here they at once found themselves, a delightfully secluded and tiny bay, sandy, tree-lined, sheltered at three sides by cliffs and rocks.

"Oh!" cried Iris, excitedly, "what a lovely spot! A perfect Smuggler's Cove!"

"Charming enough to look at," was the answering comment, "but open to the sea. If you look at the smooth rim of water cut there, you will perceive a passage through the reef. A great place for sharks, Miss Deane, but no place for us."

"Oh, precious! I had forgotten the sharks. I suppose they must live, horrible as they are, but I don't want them to come on us."

The mention of such disagreeable additions to life on the island no longer troubled her. Thus the English newcomers to India pass the first three months' residence in the country in mortality, a deluge of snakes, and the remaining thirty years in complete forgetfulness of them.

They passed on. Whilst traversing the coral-strewn south beach, with its patches of white soft sand baking in the direct rays of the sun, Jenks perceived traces of the turtle which swarmed in the neighboring sea.

"Delicious eggs and turtle soup!" he announced when Iris asked him why he was so intently studying certain marks on the sand, caused by the great sea-tortoises during their nocturnal visits to the breeding-ground.

"If they are green turtles," he continued, "we are in the lap of luxury. They laid the alderman and inspire the poet. When a ship comes to our assistance I will persuade the captain to freight the vessel with them and make my fortune."

I suppose, under the circumstances, you were not a rich man, Mr. Jenks," said Iris, timidly.

"I possess a wealthy bachelor uncle, who made me his heir and allowed me four hundred a year; so I was a sort of Croesus among Staff Corps officers."

"No, thank you. I simply won't allow you to touch that shrub. The dear thing looks quite glad to see me. It drinks up the water as greedily as a thirsty animal."

"Even a cabbage has a heart, Miss Deane."

She laughed merrily. "I do believe you are offering me a compliment," she said. "I must indeed have found favor in your eyes."

He had schooled himself to resist the opening given by this class of retort, so he turned to make some corrections in the scale of the sun-dial he had constructed, aided therein by daily observations with the sextant left by the former inhabitant of the cave.

Iris had been gone perhaps five minutes when he heard a distant shriek, twice repeated, and then there came faintly to his ears his own name, not "Jenks," but "Robert," in the girl's voice.

It was a cry of supreme distress. Moral agony or overwhelming terror could alone bring that name from her lips. Precisely in such moments this man acted with the decision, the unerring judgment, the instantaneous acceptance of great risk to accomplish great results, that marked him out as a born soldier.

He rushed into the house and snatched from the rifle-rack one of the six Lee-Enfield rifles, each with a filled magazine attached and a cartridge already in position.

Then he ran, with long swift strides, not through the trees, where he could see nothing, but towards the beach, whence, in forty yards, the place where Iris probably was would become visible.

At once he saw her, struggling in the grasp of two ferocious-looking Dyaks, one, by his garments, a person of consequence, the other a half-naked savage, hideous and repulsive in appearance. Around them seven men, armed with guns and parangs, were dancing with excitement.

Iris' captors were endeavoring to tie her arms, but she was a strong and active Englishwoman, with muscles well kept by the constant work of recent busy days, and a frame developed by years of horse-riding and tennis-playing. The pair evidently found her a tough handful, and the inferior Dyak, excited to stop her screams—for she was shrieking "Robert, come to me!" with all her might—or to stifle her into submission, roughly placed his huge hand over her mouth.

These things the sailor noticed instantly. Some men, brave to rashness, ready as he to give his life to save her, would have raced madly over the intervening ground, scarce a furlong, and attempted a heroic combat of one against nine.

Not so Jenks. With the methodical exactness of the parade-ground he settled down on one knee and leveled the rifle. At that range the Lee-Enfield bullet travels with practically point-blank.

It was a "stopping" power, but he had nothing against this little drawback by nothing all the cartridges in the six rifles after the effective manner devised by an expert named Thomas Atkins during the Tirah campaign.

None of the Dyaks saw him. All were intent on the sensational prize they had secured, a young and beautiful white woman so contentedly roaming about the shores of this Fetish island. With the slow speed advised by the Roman philosopher, the backsight and foresight of the Lee-Enfield came into line with the breast of the coarse brute clutching the girl's face.

Then something bit him above the heart and simultaneously tore half of his back into fragments. He fell, with a queer sob, and the others turned to face this unexpected danger.

Iris, knowing only that she was free from that hateful grip, wrenched her self free from the chief's hold, and ran swiftly all her might along the beach, to Jenks and safety.

Again, and yet again, the rifle gave its short, sharp snarl, and two more Dyaks collapsed on the sand. 'Six were left, their leader being still unconsciously preserved from death by the figure of the flying girl.

A fourth Dyak dropped.

The survivors, cruel savages, but not cowards, unslinging their guns. The sailor, white-faced, grim, with an unpleasant gleam in his deep-set eyes and a lower jaw protruding, noticed their preparations.

"To the left!" he shouted. "Run towards the trees!"

Iris heard him, and strove to obey. Her strength was failing her, and she staggered blindly after her few despairing efforts, sank lurched feebly to her knees, and tumbled face downwards on the broken coral that had tripped her faltering footsteps.

Jenks was watching her, watching the remaining Dyaks, from whom a spluttering volley came, picking out his quarry with the murderous ease of a terrier in a rat-pit. Something like a bee in a violent hurry hummed past his ear and a rock near his right foot was struck a tremendous blow by an unseen agency. He liked this. It would be a battle, not a butte.

The fifth Dyak crumpled into the distortion of death, and then their leader took deliberate aim at the kneeling marksman who seemed to wipe him and his hand out of existence. But his deliberation, though skilful, was too profound. The sailor fired first, and was professionally astonished to see the gaunt individual tossed violently backward for many yards, finally pitching headlong to the earth. Had he been charged by a bull in full career he could not have been more utterly discomfited. The incident was sensational, but inexplicable.

Yet another member of the band was prostrated the two as yet unscathed thought fit to beat a retreat. This they now did with alacrity, but they dragged their chief with them. It was no part of Jenks' programme to allow them to escape. He aimed again at the leader, and the next moment there was a sharp click and nothing more. The cartridge was a mis-fire. He hastily sought to eject it, and the rifle jammed. These little accidents will happen, even in a good weapon like the Lee-Enfield.

Springing to his feet, with a yell, he ran forward. The flying men caught a glimpse of him and accelerated their movements. Just as he reached Iris they vanished among the trees.

"Singing his rifle over his shoulder, he picked up the girl in his arms. She was conscious, but breathless.

"You are not hurt?" he gasped, his eyes blazing into her face with an intensity that she afterwards remembered as appalling.

"No," she whispered.

"Listen," he continued in labored jerks. "The Dyaks are here. I will carry you to the cave. Stop there. Shoot any one you see—till I come."

She heard him wonderfully. Was he going to leave her, now that he had her safely clasped to his breast? Impossible! Ah, she understood. Those men must have landed in a boat. He intended to attack them again. He was going to fight them single-handed, and she would

not know what happened to him until it was all over. Gradually her vitality returned. She almost smiled at the fantastic conceit that she would desert him.

Jenks placed her on her feet at the entrance to the cave.

"You understand," he cried, and without waiting for an answer, ran to the house for another rifle. This time, to her amazement, he darted back through Prospect Park towards the south beach. The sailor knew that the Dyaks had landed at the sandy bay Iris had christened Smuggler's Cove. They were acquainted with the passage through the reef, and came from the distant islands. Now they would endeavor to escape by the same channel. They must be prevented at all costs.

He was right. As they came out into the open he saw three men, not two, pushing off a large sampan. One of them, a mirable dandy, was the chief. Then Jenks understood that his bullet had hit the lock of the Dyak's uplifted weapon, with the result already described. By a miracle he had escaped.

He coolly prepared to slay the three of them with the same calm purpose that distinguished the opening phase of this singularly one-sided conflict. The distance was much greater, perhaps 800 yards from the point where the boat came into view. He knelt and fired. He judged that the missile struck the craft between the trio.

"I didn't allow for the sun on the side of the foresight," he said. "Or perhaps I was a bit shaky after the run. In any event they can't go far."

A hurrying step on the coral behind him caught his ear. Instantly he sprang up and faced about—to see Iris.

"They are escaping," she said.

"No fear of that," he replied, turning away from her.

"Where are the others?"

"Dead!"

"Do you mean that you killed nearly all those men?"

"Six of them. There were nine in all."

He knelt again, lifting the rifle. Iris threw herself on her knees by his side. There was something awful to her in this chill and business-like declaration of a fixed purpose.

"Mr. Jenks," she said, clasping her hands in an agony of entreaty, "do not kill more men for my sake!"

"For my own sake, then," he growled, annoyed at the interruption, as the sampan was aloft.

"Then I ask you for God's sake not to take another life. What you have already done was unavoidable, perhaps right. This is murder!"

"If those men get away they will bring back a host to avenge their comrades—and secure you," he added.

"It may be the will of Providence for such a thing to happen. Yet I implore you to spare them."

He placed the rifle on the sand and raised her tenderly, for she had yielded to a paroxysm of tears. Not another word did either of them speak in that hour. The large triangular sail of the sampan was now billowing out in the south wind. A figure stood up in the stern of the boat and shook a menacing arm at the couple on the beach.

It was the chief, cursing them with the rude eloquence of his barbarous tongue. And Jenks well knew what he was saying.

"No," he answered. "I thought you were too overwrought to talk of them at present."

"Overwrought! Not a bit of it!" I was dead beat with the struggle and with screaming for you, but please don't imagine that I am going to faint or treat you to a display of hysteria now that all the excitement has ended. I admit that I cried a little when you pushed me aside on the beach and raised your gun to fire at those poor wretches lying for their lives. Yet perhaps I was wrong to hinder you."

"You were wrong," he gravely interrupted.

"You should not have heeded me. No, I don't mean that. You always consider me first, don't you? No matter what I ask you to do you endeavor to please me, even when you know all the time that I am acting or speaking foolishly."

"The unthinking naïveté of her words sent the blood coursing wildly through his veins."

"Never mind," she went on with earnest simplicity. "God has been very good to us. I cannot believe that He has preserved us from so many dangers to permit us to perish miserably a few hours, or days, before help comes. And I do want to tell you exactly what happened."

"Then you shall," he answered. "But first drink this." They had reached their camping ground, and he hastened to produce a small quantity of brandy. She swallowed the spirit with a protesting moue. She really needed no such adventitious support, she said.

"All right," commented Jenks. "If you don't want a drink, I do."

"I can quite believe it," she retorted. "Your case is very different. I knew the men would not hurt me—after the first shock of their appearance had passed, I mean—also know that you would save me. But you, Mr. Jenks, had to do the fighting. You were called upon to rescue precious me. Good gracious! No wonder you were excited."

The sailor mentally expressed his inability to grasp the complexities of feminine nature, but Iris rattled on—

"I carried my tin of water to the pitcher plant, and was listening to the greed of roots gurgling away for moisture when suddenly four men sprang out from among the trees and seized my arms before I could reach my revolver."

"Thank Heaven you failed."

"You think that if I had fired at them they would have retaliated. Yes, especially if I had hit the chief. But it was he who instantly gave some order, and I suppose it meant that they were not to hurt me. As a matter of fact, they seemed to be quite as much astonished as I was alarmed. But if they could hold my hands they could not stop my voice so readily. Oh! I didn't know that."

"You did."

"I suppose you could not hear me distinctly?"

"Quite distinctly."

"Every word?"

"Yes."

She bent to pick some leaves and bits of dry grass from her dress. "Well, you know," she continued rapidly, "in such moments one cannot choose one's words. I just shouted the first thing that came into my head."

And I," he said, "picked up the first rifle I could lay hands on. Now, Miss Deane, the affair has ended so happily, may I venture to ask you to remain in the cave until I return?"

"Oh, please—"

"Really, I must insist. I would not leave you if it were not quite imperative. You cannot come with me."

Then she understood one at least of the tasks he must perform, and she meekly obeyed.

He thought it best to go along Turtle Beach to the cave, and thence follow the Dyak's trail through the wood, as this line of advance would entail practically a complete circuit of the island. He omitted no precaution in the matter. Often he stopped and listened intently. Whenever he doubled a point or passed among the trees he crept back and peered along the way he had come, to see if any lurking foe were breaking shelter behind him.

The marks on the sand proved that only one sampan had been beached. Thence he found nothing of special interest until he came upon the chief's gun, lying close to the trees on the north side. It was a very ornamental weapon, a muzzle-loader. The stock was inlaid with gold and ivory, and the piece had evidently been looted from some man-of-war's junk surprised and sacked in a former voyage.

The lock was smashed by the impact of the Lee-Enfield bullet, but close investigation of the trigger-guard, and the discovery of certain unmistakable evidences on the beach, showed that the Dyak leader had lost two of not three fingers of his right hand.

"So he has something more than his passion to nurse," mused Jenks. "That at any rate is fortunate. He will be in no mood for further enterprise for some time to come."

He dreaded lest any of the Dyaks should be only badly wounded and likely to live. It was an actual relief to his nerves to find that the improvised dum-dums had done their work too well, and sent anxiety on their score.

On the principle that a "dead Injun is a good Injun" these Dyaks were good Dyaks.

He gathered the guns, swords, and knives of the slain, with all their uncouth belts and ornaments. In pursuance of a vaguely defined plan of future action he also divested some of the men of their coarse garments, and collected six queer-looking hats, shaped like inverted basins. These things he placed in a heap near the pitcher-plants. Thenceforth, for half an hour, the placid surface of the lagoon was disturbed by the black dorsal fins of many sharks.

To one of the sailor's temperament there was nothing revolting in the concluding portion of his task. He had a God-given right to live. It was his paramount duty, remitted only by death itself, endeavor to save his fellow-men from an inevitable fate from which no power could rescue her if ever she fell into the hands of these vindictive savages.

Therefore it was war between him and them, war to the bitter end, war with no humane mitigation of its horrors and penalties, the last dread arbitrament of man forced to adopt the methods of the tiger. His guess at the weather conditions heralded by the change of wind was right. As the two partook of their evening meal the complaining sash lashed the reef, and the tremulous branches of the taller trees voiced the approach of a gale. A tropical storm, not a typhoon, but a belated burst of the temperate zone, delayed the island before midnight. Hours earlier Iris retired, utterly worn by the events of the day. Needless to say, there was no singing that evening. The gale chanted a wild melody in mournful chords, and the noise of the watery downpour on the tarpaulin roof of Belle Vue Castle was such as to render conversation impossible, save in wearying shouts.

Luckily, Jenks' carpentry was effective, though rough. The building was water-tight, and he had calked every crevice with unraveled rope until Iris'

apartment was free from the tiniest draught.

The very fury of the external turmoil acted as a lullaby to the girl. She was soon asleep, and the sailor was left to his thoughts.

Sleep he could not. He smoked steadily, with a magnificent prodigality, for his small stock of tobacco was fast disappearing. He ransacked his brains to discover some method of escape from this enchanted island, where, fairly jostled by demons, and hours of utter happiness found their bane in moments of frightful peril.

Of course he ought to have killed those fellows who escaped. Their sampan might have provided a last desperate expedient if other savages effected a landing. Well, there was no use in being wise after the event, and scheme as he might, he could devise no way to avoid disaster during the next attack.

This, he felt certain, would take place at night. The Dyak's launch, in force, rush the cave and hut, and overpower him by sheer numbers. The fight, if light there was, would be sharp, but decisive. Perhaps, if he received some warning, Iris and he might retreat in the darkness to the cover of the trees. A last stand could be made among the boulders on Summit Rock. But of what avail to purchase their freedom until daylight? And then—

If ever man wrestled with desperate problem, Jenks wrought that night. He smoked, and smoked, until he was storm-puffed and, with the changelessness of a poet's muse, a full moon flooded the island in glorious radiance.

He rose, opened the door, and stood without, listening for a little while to the roaring of the surf and the crash of the broken coral swept from reef and shore by the backwash.

The petty strife of the elements was soothing to him.

They are snarling like whipped dogs," he said aloud. "One might almost fancy her ladyship the Moon appearing on the scene as a Uranian Venus, cowering sea and storm by the majesty of her presence."

Pleased with the conceit, he looked steadily at the brilliant luminary for some time. Then his eyes were attracted by the strong lights thrown upon the rugged face of the precipice into which the cavern burrowed. Unconsciously relieving his tired senses, he was idly wondering what trick of color Turner would have adopted to convey those sharp yet weirdly beautiful contrasts, when suddenly he uttered a startled exclamation.

"By Jove!" he murmured. "I never noticed that before."

The feature which so earnestly claimed his attention was a deep ledge, directly over the mouth of the cave, but some forty feet from the ground. Behind it the wall of rock sloped darkly upwards, suggesting a recess extending a couple of yards. It occurred to him that perhaps the fault in the interior of the tunnel had its outcrop here, and the deadening influence of rain and sun had extended the weak point thus exposed in the bold parapet of stone.

He surveyed the ledge from different points of view. It was quite inaccessible, and most difficult to estimate accurately from the ground level. The sailor was a man of action. He chose the nearest tall tree and began to climb. He was not eight feet from the ground before several birds flew out from their leafy recesses, filling the air with shrill chuckling.

"The devil take them!" he growled, for he feared that the commotion would awaken Iris. He was still laboriously working his way through the inner maze of branches when a well-known voice reached him from the ground.

"Mr. Jenks, what on earth are you doing up there?"

"Oh! so those wretched fowls

